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The Annual Spring Concert

An audience of nearly five hundred gathered in Faneuil Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 28, for the annual spring concert of the Band. The greater part was made up of parents and friends of the boys, but there was a generous sprinkling of former band boys present, and it was a pleasure to meet these graduates, many of them recent discharges from the armed forces.

Our band director, Captain Frank L. Warren, had arranged a pleasing program and there was a variety of compositions. The work of the soloists was especially good and seven band members were featured. Two novelty numbers, "The Passing of John Brown", and "The Farm and Trades School Has a Band" were well received.

Our former band director, Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98 was introduced and congratulated the 1946 band upon its splendid musicianship and appearance. He noted that it had been 48 years since he played with the band as a student. He led the boys in the favorite school band march "Military Escort."

Our Headmaster, Mr. Meacham, spoke briefly concerning the band and then told of the plans for the Memorial Chapel which is to be erected at the School. It was fitting that the first public announcement of the Chapel project was

made in historic Faneuil Hall at our annual band concert.

In addition to the program, which follows, prominent parts were played by William T. Warfield whose vocal solos were warmly applauded and Robert K. Stewart, who announced the various numbers.

This was the tenth year that our boys have given their annual spring concert in Faneuil Hall, and it was certainly a great success in every way. The warm and sincere applause of the large audience, and the many, many congratulatory remarks which the boys received are all very much appreciated.

The program and roster of band:

PROGRAM

MARCH—Project	Bennett
OVERTURE—Challenger	DeLamater
CLARINET SOLO—Prismatic Polka	
Richard E. Duquet	Rollinson
CORNET DUET—The Pals	Barnard
J. Sheridan Higgins Richard E. McPhee	
BARITONE SOLO—The Troubadour	
Stephen J. Zevitas	Liebert
TUBA SOLO—Samsonion Polka	
Berton E. Cadorath	McQuaide

CORNET SOLO—Wanderer Polka	
Harold D. Lowery	<i>Harlow</i>
NOVELTY—The Passing of John Brown	
	<i>Keyes</i>
SELECTION—Winter Sunset	<i>Frangkiser</i>
NOVELTY—The Farm and Trades School	
Has a Band	
MARCH—Normal	<i>Bennett</i>
	Star Spangled Banner

ROSTER OF THE BAND

Mr. Frank L. Warren, Conductor
Mr. Clifton E. Albee, Assistant

Clarinets
Richard E. Duquet
Bruce E. Haeger
Harold W. Kew
Kenneth W. Duquet
Paul Calloe
Jon F. Hines
Robert K. Stewart
Theodore L. Jones
William F. McKinley
Nelson W. Stearns
Thurmond Hood, Jr.

Cornets
J. Sheridan Higgins
Richard E. McPhee
D. Peter Finnegan
Harold D. Lowery
Arthur C. Harris
Preston A. Gilmore
J. Lowell Keith
Walter C. Roberts
Robert A. Patterson
Robert B. Morrill
Paul D. Keith
Malcolm C. Wiley

Trombones
Ralph L. Gale
Andre C. Bourne
Burleigh M. Pratt
Robert I. Sleeper
Robert E. Lucien
William R. Bunting

Altos
Thornton B. Lauriat
Ramsey G. Porter
Leonard N. Lapham
James L. Angelos

Baritones
Stephen J. Zevitas
Maurice E. McAllister

Drums
Paul W. Horton
William H. Manson
William T. Warfield
Wiley L. Bishop

Basses
Berton E. Cadorath
Leslie L. Goddard
Robert P. Cox
Robert G. Crease

The Vermont Sugar Party
Every year, in April, the Vermont

Association of Boston invites a group of boys from Thompson's Island to the Hotel Vendome, in Boston, to spend an evening with them. The boys help by filling small pans with snow and putting them on tables. They also get maple syrup from the hotel kitchen, which the people pour on the snow.

When the tables are all ready, what is known as a "Sugar Party" begins. Our boys help the hotel waiters by getting extra food as required.

After the people have finished they leave the dining room and the tables, which are portable, are removed. Then dancing begins. While the dancing is going on the boys enjoy refreshments of maple syrup, sandwiches, pickles, doughnuts and cheese. The maple syrup is the best liked, because when it is poured on snow it hardens like candy.

We had a good time at the party and want to thank those who made it possible.

Bruce E. Haeger

A Great Night

On Saturday night, April 20th, sixteen boys were invited to attend a magic show at the New England Mutual Hall. The first part of the program was orchestra music which we all liked very much. Then the master of ceremonies came to the center of the stage and the show began. He told a few jokes, and showed us some clever tricks. Then Professor McFay went on with the program by showing us how the eclipse of the sun took place. This was a very good trick. Another act which was good was Roberta and Marion, two Chinese girls. The trick I liked best was the razor blade one. A magician put a piece of string in his mouth, swallowed a razor blade, drank a glass of water and smoked a cigarette. Then from his mouth he produced six razor blades on the string. There were many other wonderful tricks

and I could fill the BEACON telling about them. The trip was arranged by Mal Cameron, one of our graduates, and we thank him for arranging it.

Richard E. McPhee

The Easter Concert

Easter Sunday this year came on April 21, and as is our annual custom, an Easter pageant was given by the boys. Before the pageant was staged an introductory program took place, consisting of the singing of favorite Easter hymns, an invocation by Mr. Large and a cornet solo, "The Palms", played by Harold D. Lowery.

The pageant was written by Mr. Lemieux, our principal, and was very colorful. The scene was the secret meeting place of Christ's disciples, and the time the eighth day following the resurrection. Thomas an evident unbeliever in Christ, because he had not seen Him since the Crucifixion, formed the basis of the play. Throughout the play faith and love were the predominating factors.

Much of the pageant was composed of singing, and each of the characters was a member of the choir which sang five religious songs.

All those who took part enjoyed learning the songs and wish to thank Mr. Lemieux and the other instructors who helped them make the pageant the great success that it was.

The program and names of those in the cast follows:

PROGRAM

HYMN—The Old Rugged Cross

INVOCATION

Mr. Large

CORNET SOLO—The Palms

Harold D. Lowery, Jr.

HYMN—In the Garden

EASTER PLAY—The Lord is My Light
Henry A. Lemieux

BENEDICTION

Mr. Large

CAST OF CHARACTERS

JESUS (apparition)	Edward W. Finn
PETER	Leslie L. Goddard
JAMES	Bruce E. Haeger
MATTHEW	Richard E. Duquet
MOTHER MARY	Lauriston L. Crockett
THOMAS	Leonard N. Lapham, Jr.
JOHN	Wiley L. Bishop
ANDREW	Richard G. Morrill
JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA	William T. Warfield
NICODEMUS	Paul W. Horton
BARTHOLOMEW	William D. Gordon, III
NATHANAEL	D. Peter Finnegan
PHILIP	John S. Higgins
MAGDALENE	George W. Bourne, III
SALOME	William E. Kellaway

OTHER DISCIPLES

J. Lowell Keith

Harold W. Kew, Jr.

Frank A. Bagley

Richard E. McPhee

Paul Calloe

Edward P. Doerr, Jr.

Robert K. Stewart

Robert Dickson

Theodore L. Jones

D. Peter Finnegan

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Yes, we have won the War and most of our gallant lads, 238 from F.T.S., have returned but 12 of ours will not return. The other day a returned veteran was being accorded the honor and commendation he and his buddies so richly deserve for saving us from the horrors so well known in the devastated countries. In his sincere modesty he said, "You know the ones who won this war will not be back."

We at home are sad. Hardly a family but has the cross to bear of a loved one who gave his all that we and our children may enjoy the freedom of our way of life. The people of this nation are reasonably grateful and every community is giving thought to a memorial for our heroes. May they all be useful memorials and always carry the dignity of a divine achievement.

Here at our school we are determined to honor our young men who paid the supreme sacrifice by building a chapel, a little church for our community and for others who may wish to come and worship with us. We are asking a great number of people to help with contributions toward this memorial, a memorial to hundreds of lads besides our own, and we are confident that this purpose will be rewarded as it richly deserves.

Rev. E.M.P. Wells was one of the founders of this school on Thompson's Island and he came here in 1832 to supervise the construction of the first school building and organize and direct the beginning here. Ever since that date, and indeed back to the start of the School on the mainland in 1814, the School has insisted that man's first duty is to his God. The religious experience of a boy is his most valuable asset and our non-sectarian services are vital to the training of every boy.

We do need a chapel, a real little church which provides all of the sacredness of a religious service. Our present chapel, originally the School's one classroom, and later the library, social hall and assembly room, has long since become overcrowded with sundry purposes. The fund has been started by the family of one of our own war heroes who will not be back. This can be a real memorial to our boys and to the sons of others who fought in this and other wars in order that we may live a good life. We hope our friends will make this possible.

Topics in Brief

We enjoyed a truly beautiful Easter play on Easter Sunday, April 21. "The Lord is My Light", was enacted by twenty-five of the boys. The play, written by our principal, Mr. Henry A. Lemieux stressed the importance of faith and love. The characters in the play also included the choir, and the musical selections sung were especially good and appreciated. Mr. Lemieux, the cast and the several faculty members who assisted in the production are to be congratulated on a superior Easter play. The complete program, and cast of characters appear elsewhere in this issue.

Arrangements were made by MAL CAMERON, '19, for sixteen of the boys to attend an entertainment of magic at the New England Mutual Hall on April 20. This was an outstanding performance, and one not likely to be soon forgotten. Thank you, Mr. Cameron.

We should add also that Mr. Cameron has long been regarded as one of New England's top entertainers, and the greater part of his program is based on magic wizardry, guaranteed to mystify as well as entertain.

The annual sugar party, staged by the Vermont Association of Boston was held at the Hotel Vendome on April 12. Twelve of our boys were invited to attend the party and assisted as waiters. Afterwards they were treated to the taste thrill of maple syrup on snow, doughnuts, sandwiches and the other delicacies which go to make up the menu of the typical sugar party.

MERTON P. ELLIS, '99, a member of the Board of Trustees visited us on April 20. Mr. Ellis has served our School in many important capacities for nearly half a century and has been a key figure in the Alumni Association.

Mr. Thomas Temple Pond, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a group of associates were here during the month in connection with formulating plans for a proposed new Memorial Chapel. Mr. Pond is chairman of the committee in charge of this project.

Important events which our readers may wish to keep in mind are: Massachusetts School Music Festival, Needham, May 11; New England School Music Festival, Gloucester, May 25; (our band will participate in both); Graduation Exercises for the Class of 1946, June 5.

Baseball season has interested most of the boys, and two leagues have played eighteen intra-mural games during the month. One of the leagues plays regulation baseball, and the other softball. We are fortunate in having both baseball and softball diamonds which makes the playing of both games possible simultaneously. With our really magnificent athletic plant, interest in the national sport has been great, and we expect this baseball season to top all others in interest and number of participants.

One of the more popular spring and summer sports is tennis, and the boys have begun practicing in anticipation of the annual tournament in this sport. Our court needed a little work done on it, and is now in first class condition. It will be in constant use until cold weather comes in the fall.

The boys have already begun training for the annual track meet which takes place May 30. Track and field events are well liked by nearly all of the boys, and many have become quite skillful in the various events.

Calendar 90 Years Ago March, 1856 As kept by the Superintendent

9. C. Bates of Hingham, J. M. Thompson and wife, Domingos Rodrigues and wife, M. McMahan, J. R. Grose, H. Barnes, and brother came over and stopped over Thursday. Mrs. Buffum came over to see her son and went back.

10. (Fast-day) The following graduates of the school were present, viz: D. Rodrigues, M. McMahan, J. R. Grose, Jabez Lewis, James B. Finnegan, James Donovan, John R. Hudson, Henry Barnes, James M. Murdough, and William J. Mills; also Mr. Dunn and Mr. Go'man; Mr. Dunbrack to see his son, James Mills.

12. Margaret Duffy went to the city and lost her wallet or purse containing between seventy and eighty dollars in Bank bills and five shares in the Boston and Maine R. Road which loss was advertised in the Boston Herald of April 18th. (No. shares 15.409)

26. John R. Hughes and David Moore were admitted.

27. Mr. S. G. DeBlois, Dr. Penniman, wife and daughter came by way of Squantum today. Dr. Penniman addressed the boys in the forenoon and Mr. DeBlois in the afternoon.

Honor Roll — Winter Term

Sophomore Class	
Leslie L. Goddard, 87	
Bruce E. Haeger, 86	
Freshman Class	
Wiley L. Bishop, 97	
Richard G. Morrill, 95.3	
Eighth Grade	
David P. Finnegan, 88.6	
Lauriston L. Crockett, 85.2	
Seventh Grade	
Malcolm C. Wiley, 91	
Robert E. Lucien, 90.6	
Sixth Grade	
David W. Simmons, Jr., 92.8	
Richard G. Parlin, 91.8	

Forty-two of the boys received a mark of 90 or over in classroom effort. They were:

Sophomore Class	
Richard E. Duquet	Edward W. Finn
	Bruce E. Haeger
Freshman Class	
Wiley L. Bishop	Robert L. Burton
Berton E. Cadorath	William D. Gordon
Paul D. Keith	Leonard N. Lapham, Jr.
Thornton B. Lauriat	Richard G. Morrill
Robert A. Patterson	William T. Warfield
Eighth Grade	
Kenneth W. Duquet	David P. Finnegan
Howard E. Jennison	William H. Manson
Seventh Grade	
James L. Angelos	Edward P. Doerr, Jr.
Lawrence F. Finn	Ralph L. Gale
Leslie T. Gilmore	Preston A. Gilmore
Edwin W. Gray	Charles E. Hotton Jr.
George E. Hotton	William E. Kellaway
George S. Keyes, Jr.	Robert E. Lucien
Walter H. Noland	Walter C. Roberts
Robert K. Stewart	Malcolm C. Wiley
Sixth Grade	
Donald S. Duquet	Harold W. Hill
Jon F. Hines	Jeremy A. Hixon
Thurmond Hood	Theodore E. Jones
William F. McKinley	Richard G. Parlin
	David W. Simmons, Jr.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

The following letter will interest our readers. The writer, David G. Haeger, graduated from F. T. S. in 1942 and continued his school work at Norwood High School. He enlisted to take advantage of the pre-induction college work then being offered by the Army. He took courses at Norwich University and the University of New Hampshire. Upon reaching his eighteenth birthday he was inducted, and given a course in Finance, which is his present work.

The letter follows:

March 27, 1946

Dear Mr. Meacham:

First of all I wish to thank you for the issues of the BEACON that I received about a week ago. Reading them brought many memories of the School to my mind.

The Army has been pretty good to me. As you know, I received Finance training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, after which I had a 25 day furlough. I reported to Fort Jackson, S. C. on January 1, then to Fort Totten, New York a week later. On January 15 we were taken to LaGuardia field at 3:00 A. M. and put on a C-54. We took off in the early morning hours, our destination Italy. About noon we landed in Bermuda for dinner. Then came the long 17 hour trip to the Azores. We spent the night there while mechanics repaired the heating system in our plane. The next morning we left for London which was a seven hour trip. We spent the night in London because of poor weather conditions. The following nights were spent in Frankfort and Berlin. From Berlin we went to Prague, Vienna, and

finally Rome. The next morning we got a truck to Caserta where we remained for a week. At Caserta we were assigned to the finance section with the 88th Division. It was a four day trip up to Gorizia where I'm now stationed.

That's a brief description of the trip that I had. Many experiences happened to us on the trip, but they are too numerous to mention. I could probably write a book on each of them.

There have been quite a few things happening around here lately. I imagine that you have been reading about the trouble that has been going on in this disputed territory. Both Yugoslavia and Italy are claiming this section. The last few days there have been many demonstrations going on. The UNO committee has been in town since yesterday and the people have been going wild in their attempt to impress the committee. Frankly I do not know who is going to get this territory, but I think there will be trouble. Yesterday we were quite surprised to hear gun shots and cannons going off, but it turned out that the Italians were shooting pamphlets and later fireworks into the air. It sure had us worried for a while, though.

Well, that's about everything that has happened to me since I saw you in December. I want to thank you again for the copies of the BEACON. I appreciate them greatly.

Very sincerely,
DAVID G. HAEGER

WILLIAM J. MARA, '42 is a seaman third class in the U.S.N.R. Mail addressed to the U.S.S. Amphion, 5th Division, care of the F.P.O., New York, will reach him.

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DONALD W. LOWERY, '41 writes from Puerto Rico, where he is on duty with the U. S. Navy. He writes that there are many bitter and disputed feelings between the natives and our government and that the living conditions of the natives are appalling. He expects to receive his discharge in the next month or two, and looks forward to following civilian pursuits.

HENRY A. SCHRAMM, '29 is working in Cambridge at Bellamy Robie Inc., 45 Main Street. His home address is 21 Whitcomb Terrace, South Weymouth 90, Mass.

DAVID E. LONG, '22, is General Sales Manager for the Prufcoat Laboratories, 50 East 42nd Street, New York City. He is looking forward to being present at the Annual Field Day in June.

RANDOLPH S. ENGLISH, '37 was discharged from the armed forces last December, and has been recuperating from an attack of malaria, contracted in the Pacific theatre. Most of his service period was spent working for the Armed Forces Radio Service, and he is the author of "Our Invisible Enemy" series of broadcasts, being commissioned by General MacArthur to originate this work. This fall he will take over the management of a Columbia Broadcasting System station in New York. His home address is 6 Copeland Terrace, Malden, Mass.

DAVID R. HARRIS, '36, continues in the employ of the Capital Transit Co. Washington, D. C., as a heating and ventilation specialist. He has one child, Hugh Marshall, and expects an addition to his family soon.

A. Beldon Gilbert who was a pupil at F. T. S. in 1915 is a candidate for Governor of California. Mr. Gilbert is Executive Director of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association of California and he recently compiled and edited a 400-page book entitled "Peace Officers Home Study Book." This former F.T.S. boy has a tremendous following throughout the State of California and we predict he will be first citizen of the Golden State in 1946.

HUDSON D. BRENNER, '37 is employed in the Service Sales Department of the Gulf Oil Corporation. His work prevents him from visiting us very often, or attending alumni gatherings. But he is vitally interested in F.T.S. and welcomes every bit of news from Thompson's Island. During most of the past nine-year period he has been in the U.S. Army, and held a lieutenant's rank.

We have received a fine letter from KENNETH E. KEARNS, '22, who has been employed by the Manchester Union-Leader for some years. He would be glad to hear from any of his F.T.S. associates.

He enclosed a newspaper clipping dated April 15, 1946 which told of the death of Miss Ada F. Thompson, aged 93. The clipping includes the interesting fact that Miss Thompson was a direct descendant of David Thompson "who came to America on the ship 'Jonathan' and owned Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor."

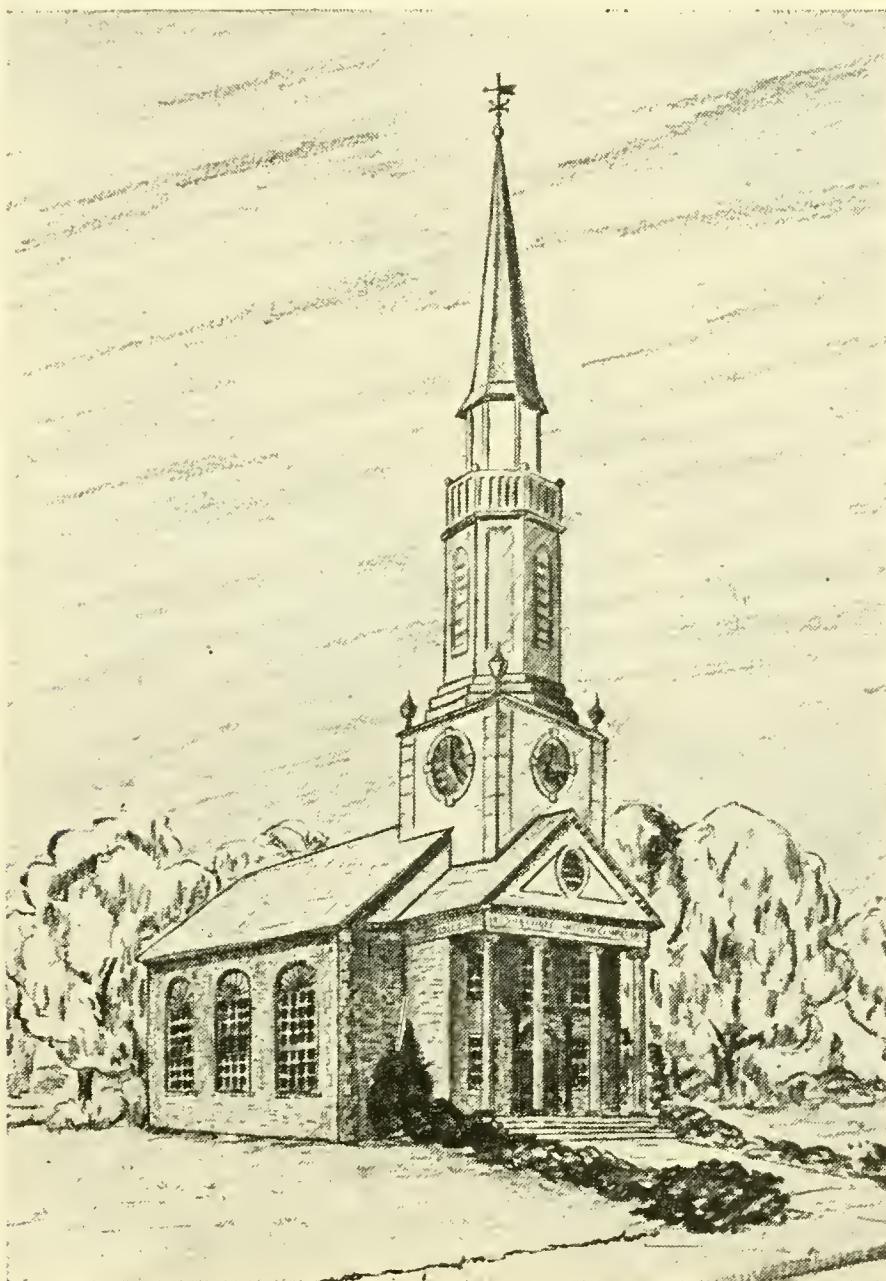
THEODORE J. MARA, '44 is stationed at Port Blakely, in the state of Washington. He is a seaman, first class, U.S.N.R.



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The picture on the cover of this issue of the BEACON is the architect's drawing of the Memorial Chapel, and most of our readers have heard of this project through the Boston newspapers and the radio.

We are determined to honor our young men who paid the supreme sacrifice by building this dignified memorial. It will be a beautiful little church for our community and for others who may wish to come and worship with us.

The building will be of brick, in the New England tradition, after the manner of Charles Bulfinch who designed the present Main Building well over a century ago. It is planned to install a beacon light in the steeple, which will be a useful and welcome symbol to aircraft, ships, and thousands who use the harbor-side arteries from Quincy to Winthrop.

Since this school was established in 1814 religious training of a non-sectarian character has been given, and we have insisted that man's first duty is to God. The proper religious experience of a boy is his most valuable lifetime asset. This Memorial Chapel will be a vital factor in our religious work.

The Chapel will be a memorial to the men and boys of Metropolitan Boston, of every race, creed and color, who gave their lives at sea in the recent world-war.

You are invited to have a part in the erection of this spiritual symbol. Won't you send us the name of a loved one who lost his life in the war, so that it may be entered in the Memorial Volume which will be given an honored place in the vestry of the Chapel?

Financially, we will appreciate the generosity of those who will want the privilege of making a small donation towards this Memorial.

Mr. William B. Snow, Jr., is the

treasurer of the fund and his address is The Suffolk Savings Bank for Seamen's and Others, 1 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

Cards

The Music Festivals

The month of May 1946 will long be remembered by the boys in The Farm and Trades School Band, because of the two very successful school music festivals in which they took part.

The first festival, The Massachusetts School Music Festival, was held on May 11 at Needham. We arrived there in mid-morning and shortly afterwards were auditioned. Then we had lunch and began to get ready for the street parade. This parade will be remembered for a long time, for it was the first parade that we had ever marched in. We received plenty of applause as we marched to the athletic field near the high school.

At the high school we did a marching drill and then listened to singing by several hundred high school students. Following this all the band members played several selections as a massed band. The playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" concluded the program.

Two weeks later we attended the New England School Music Festival at Gloucester. The day was beautiful and we enjoyed the ride down the north shore in the busses. We played our audition in the American Legion Hall and we were glad to receive the highest rating possible.

The street parade in the afternoon was notable, because the town had so many visitors that the sidewalks and streets were packed. The bands, attired in colorful uniforms, received great ovations from the thousands of spectators.

At the high school stadium some of the bands, including ours, gave exhibitions of marching in various formations. A

packed grandstand applauded each unit. A concert was given by the massed bands which included selections composed by the director, Irving Cheyette.

As we left Gloucester we waved good-bye to hundreds of the school musicians either walking on the sidewalks or sitting in parked busses. It was a happy and joyous farewell. Now we are looking ahead to 1947, and hope that we can take part in more music festivals, and that we can do as well as we did in 1946.

D. Peter Finnegan

Bookends II

Bookends II was born on September 25, 1945 and like her illustrious ancestor, she is a noted cat about the campus. She was born in, and has adopted the printing office, as her place of residence.

In many ways Bookends II is a strange and unorthodox cat. She has the temper of a sea lion and considers type, paper and ink as her sole responsibility to praise by a continual purr, or to destroy, if such suits her fancy.

Bookends II has had some strange experiences. For instance, one night she became locked in a piano case. The rhythm of "Kitten on the Keys" coming from nowhere, brought investigation and Bookends II was freed from her temporary captivity. Since that night she has kept far away from the piano.

We are watching for this young cat to discover the delicate taste of minnows, which come to our wharf in great numbers during the summer. The wharf and seashore will be her summer home all through the fishing season, and no doubt she'll prosper and grow as fat as her noted mother.

Wiley L. Bishop

The Class Banquet

It is a tradition at our school for the graduating class to hold a banquet, to which the instructors and members of the sophomore class are invited. This year we made plans early, with the result that the banquet was very successful.

The tables were arranged in the shape of a large square, with one end open. One of the instructors provided flowers and vases. Pretty souvenir cards and colorful napkins added to the attractiveness of the tables. Bowditch dining room certainly presented a pleasing appearance.

The menu consisted of chicken, peas, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and butter, fruit punch, coffee or milk and ice cream. Individual dishes of taste-tempting hard candies and salted peanuts were on the table.

While we were eating we had music played from records, for one of the instructors supplied a large record player. We enjoyed the music.

After we had eaten we sang school songs, and Richard McPhee played on his trumpet. We liked singing these songs very much. Then there were three short speeches. Mr. Meacham commented on the class history and Mr. Lemieux spoke on essentials of successful living. Mr. Albee told the story of our most noted graduate, Charles Evans, '66, nationally known bibliographer and founder of the American Libraries Association.

The banquet was concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The class members wish to thank all those who assisted with the banquet, for the success of the party was due to the hard work and help of many instructors and boys.

Bruce E. Haeger

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The Farm and Trades School Band represents an American "First" because at this school which owns and operates Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor as a huge campus, farm, and boys' town, America's first boys' band was organized in 1857.

The first fifty years of this school's bands was a period of individual satisfaction and achievements for those young musicians. The musical field became dotted with musical talent discovered and developed at this little known school, including three members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. In the meantime America waited with tongue in cheek attitude, apparently paying no attention to this brash experiment during its first half century. To-day more than two million boys and girls in America are members of musical organizations.

In 1927 it was decided the number of boys in the Band should be increased and that the Band should enter into competitions with other bands. Gradually the total was increased from 25 boys to 50. Fifteen prizes and special awards have been received in competition with some of the best school bands of Massachusetts and New England since 1927. Every Boston newspaper and several national publications have featured this school's bands. Boston radio stations used to welcome this band in the days when non-union musicians were permitted to play over the air waves.

The most essential requirement for admission to this school is excellent character. Membership in the Band is gained by persistent effort. Sixty per cent of the school enrollment is in the band. Eighteen of these boys entered the school last September without previous musical experience. Music is not the sole accomplishment of these lads. They are students, athletes, farm, and marine trainees, all with life

purpose and well organized time.

The present conductor of this band is Captain Frank L. Warren, Boston's best known military band director, who has been the band leader at this school over twenty years. His assistant is Mr. Clifton E. Albee, a graduate of the School, music composer, and full time instructor at the School.

Topics in Brief

Our annual Memorial Sunday service was held at our little cemetery on May 26. Recitations, musical selections and singing combined to make a dignified and lovely service.

The annual Joyce Easter Meacham track meet took place on May 30. The boys were placed in one of five groups, according to age and general athletic ability, so that each would have ample opportunity to take part in various track and field events. A picnic supper was held on the beach, and the final event of the holiday was a movie show. It was a full and busy day, and very much enjoyed.

The sixth graders gave an assembly program based upon the history of the national parks, interspersed with musical selections. There were many interesting recitations given by the class members. Later in the month the freshmen gave a summary of outstanding programs which the class had given during the year. This was unusual and pleasant entertainment. The final assembly of the year was given on June 3 by the graduating class. The boys recounted the events which had befallen them since they became students here. Needless to say, this summary of class statistics was appreciated by all.

The trips to the school music festivals by our band were thoroughly enjoyed and the boys did a most creditable job. On May 11 the Eastern Massachusetts School Music Festival was held at Needham, and was an event crowded with interesting musical happenings. Two weeks later the New England School Music Festival was held at Gloucester and this was an event long to be remembered. The finest school bands in this area were on hand. The weather was perfect and the participation in this festival was a distinct privilege to thousands of young school musicians.

The annual banquet of the graduating class was held on May 2. It was a happy time for everyone. A delicious meal was followed by the singing of school songs, and a few brief speeches.

The Boston newspapers sent reporters and photographers here recently. This was followed a few days later by pictures and articles about our School in nearly all the Boston papers. The publicity received was very fine, and we appreciate the kindness of these newspapers.

Our weekly moving picture shows have been greatly enjoyed during the winter months. It has been our good fortune to have many of the finest films obtainable, all from the largest producers of motion pictures. "Movie night" is certainly one of the highlights of the week!

The spring, and final term of school for this year ended on May 31. No more academic classes will be held until the opening of a new school year next September.

Tom, a beautiful sorrel, having completed his wartime job is happy at the peaceful occupation of working on our farm. He was one of the horses which

were used in drawing sight-seeing wagons through historical Boston during the days when gasoline was unobtainable for such purposes. Tom quickly became a favorite with all of the boys, as well as with Dick and Chubby, our two other farm horses.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1856

As kept by the Superintendent

6. James L. Hadley born in Boston in Jan. 1846 and Fredrick M. Barnaby born in Nova Scotia April 28, 1844 were admitted.

13. Mrs. Morrison and Augusta went to Manchester, N.H.

27. Three masons came over to whitewash and repair boiler.

Softball

Two months ago the boys chose two teams to play baseball, and four teams to play softball. I play on the Braves, and Richard Duquet is the captain. The other three captains are Bruce Haeger, Stephen Zevitas and Leslie Goddard. Each team has played nearly all its games now. Most of the games were very close and exciting. The teams are now coming to the end of the schedule and the Braves and Dodgers are almost tied for the championship.

Wayne D. Sutor

The Sophomore Assembly

Each year the final assembly program is given by the sophomores, who make up the graduating class. Each member of the class tells history, anecdotes, jokes and other items of the class as a whole, and of each individual. This year we all thought that the program was especially good. Surely everyone had a good laugh at some of the likes and dislikes of the class.

Paul Calloe

Our Christian Endeavor

We have a Christian Endeavor society at our school, which our minister, Mr. Large, help start. We have a meeting in Chapel every Saturday night after supper. Richard McPhee is our president, and he is a fine leader. Each week he gives a speech and conducts the meeting. We have thirty-three members. We have enjoyed these meetings, and profited much from them.

William R. Bunting

Arithmetic

Among all the subjects which I study I like arithmetic best. This is a study that is very important in the future of one's life. At the beginning of the school year it was my most difficult subject, but as the year went on I understood it better and better. Other school subjects that I like are History, Geography and English.

David W. Simmons

Additional Alumni Notes

JOHN W. BRIDGES, '70 has written an interesting note from his home at 4435 Lincoln Ave., Madison, Wisconsin. He regrets very much that he is unable to be with us for our various alumni gatherings, but distance is prohibitive. Although past ninety, he writes a good hand and retains a deep interest in the School and Alumni Association. More than three quarters of a century have passed since Mr. Bridges graduated and he is our oldest living alumnus.

WARREN F. NOYES, '19 is Service Manager at the Merrimac Farmer's Exchange in Derry N.H. He hopes to be present at the Alumni Field Day on June 8, although right now the Exchange is very busy. His home address is Chester N.H., R.F.D. 1.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

ROBERT W. MAC VHA, '40, has written an interesting letter from Santa Rosa, California, where he is on duty in the U.S. Navy. He writes that his mother keeps in close touch with F.T.S. and notifies him of school events. Since being stationed at Santa Rosa he has been working nights and attending college days. He is a member of the varsity football eleven and enjoys the sport, although he says that playing football, baseball and other games at F.T.S. gave him many never-to-be-forgotten thrills. He is very appreciative for the BEACONS and other alumni material sent him.

We are overjoyed often these days by learning that another of our war heroes has finished his military or naval work and is with us once again. Also, we are happily surprised when we discover that an alumnus is enjoying a furlough after many months overseas. May the day come soon when all of our boys will be home again!

WILLIAM C. BURNS, '37 received his military discharge last October and went to work for the H. F. Livermore Co. in Cambridge as a draftsman. He is the proud father of a husky and happy 18 months old boy.

He has recently purchased a small home in N. Wilmington, with three acres of land. He plans to raise chickens and have a small vegetable garden, and is busy on this project. His address is 197 Federal Street, that town.

WARREN M. LINNELL, '38 is located in Hollywood, Florida and is in the real estate business. He served in the U. S. Navy for four years, and received his discharge last November. He has recently met FRANCIS S. SHELDON, '38 who is a radio appliance man located at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Both of these graduates would be happy to hear from their F.T.S. schoolmates.

Congratulations to AXEL R. HALLBERG, '40, who became the proud father of John Erik Hallberg (7 lbs, 3 ounces), on May 3, 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Hallberg live at 1723 W. 55 Street, Los Angeles 37, California.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, '45, keeps in touch with the School through frequent correspondence. He is finding his Naval duties to his liking and is beginning his second year on duty.

JOHN A. BAILEY, '36 since receiving his discharge from the Seabees has taken up his peacetime hobby of photography. He is planning to do quite a little in this field and already has made much progress.

DONALD W. LOWERY, '41 has just received his naval discharge, and is at home in Malden. He has not had time to formulate plans for the future, and at present he is taking a well-deserved rest. He looks forward to an early visit at the School.

EARL W. HOOPER, a former pupil, visited us during the month. He was a paratrooper, and spent much time in the Pacific war zone. His experiences in that area were interesting and varied. He is glad to be home again and once again engaged in civilian pursuits.

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WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, recognized as an authority on newspaper libraries, was awarded the signal honor of being elected to the presidency of the Boston Veteran Journalists' Benevolent Association on May 8. Mr. Alcott is the librarian of the Boston Globe, and that newspaper library is considered a model for special libraries.

WALDO L. WATERS, '30, is president of the Mass. Chess Club. He has for years been a devotee of this game. He writes a column on chess for the Boston Sunday Herald. Last week's issue included a picture of this graduate at a chess tourney.

ARTHUR B. STILPHEN, a former pupil, has received his Naval discharge. He was a barber in the Navy and on June 4 he will take the State examination for this trade. He is also interested in the Boy Scout movement, and has been invited to be an assistant scoutmaster. His home address is 10 Farrin Street, Bath, Maine.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, '45 writes from Hollis, N.H., where he is attending high school and working on a farm. He plays clarinet in the school band, and has enjoyed his music work very much. He played on the basketball team, and is the second baseman on the baseball nine.

KENNETH JAMES, '31 lives at 135 Lynde Street, Melrose 76, Mass., and is the proud father of two boys, 5½ and 1½ years old. He works for the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., of Salem, Mass. and is a draftsman.

REV. CLIFFORD H. TAYLOR, '15, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Freeport, Maine. In a recent letter he stated:

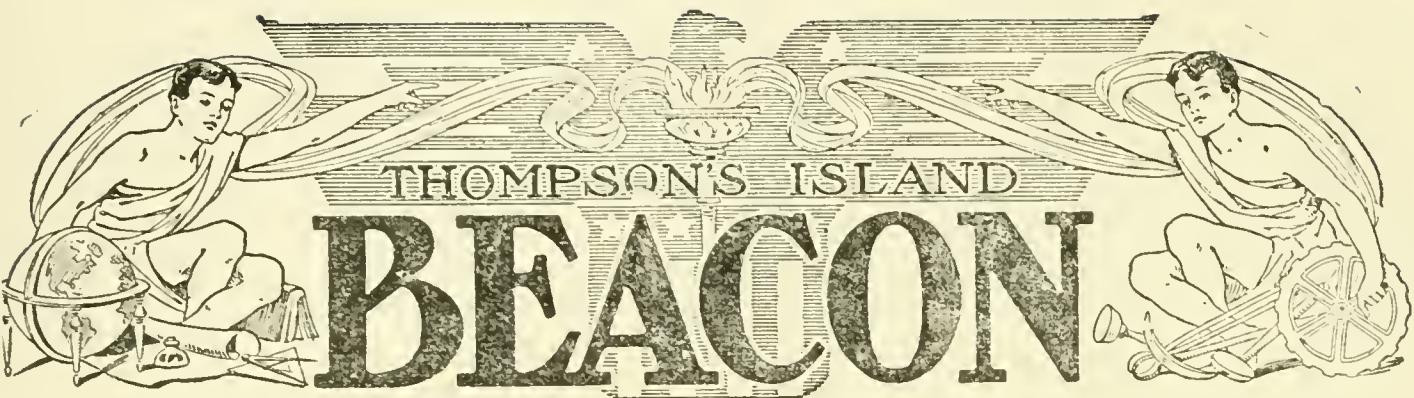
"F.T.S. put into my system the element of self discipline altogether too lacking in adolescents today. For that I cannot be grateful enough. I'd like very much to attend the Alumni Meeting, but the distance and pressure of work here forbids."

WILLIAM N. DINSMORE, '06, died on April 7 at his summer home in Brookline, N. H., where he was spending the weekend. Mr. Dinsmore had been associated with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for many years. He lived most of his life in Saugus. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dinsmore and their son Edmund.

ERNEST D. NEWTON, '31 has been in the employ of Batchelder & Snyder, Co., wholesale meat supply house, for some years, and sees to it that the School orders are given prompt attention. His home address is 32 Orchard St., Medford 55, Mass.

We are indebted to ROBERT A. BARNARD, for sending us a fine copy of Gleason's Gleaner printed in 1852, which describes Thompson's Island. It might have been written today insofar as the service to boys has remained paramount in the purpose of our school.

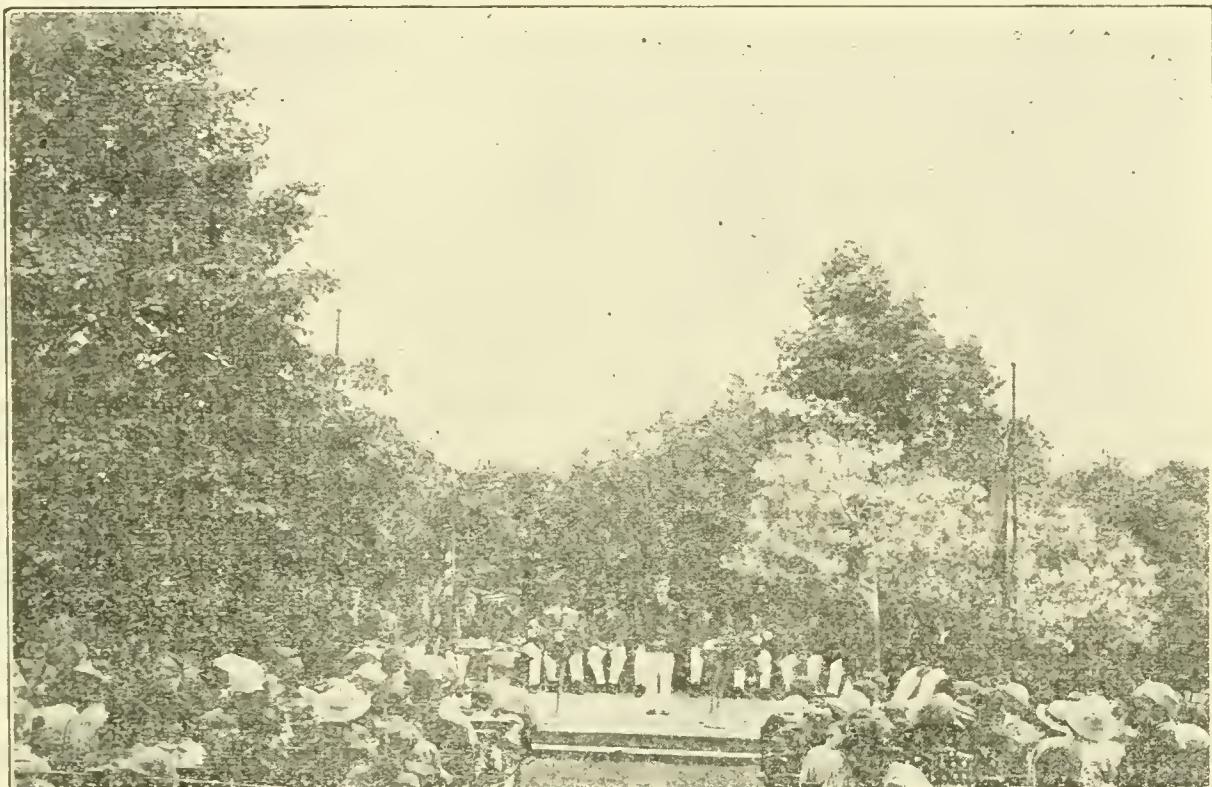
CLYDE W. ALBEE, '33 has resumed his work at the Museum of Natural History. The staff there is extremely busy preparing to move to a new home, which will be built as soon as materials are available.



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A Typical Graduation Scene at Thompson's Island

Graduation

The Graduation Exercises for the Class of 1946 were held on June 5. Inclement weather made it necessary to conduct the program indoors, and Bowditch House dining room admirably suited the purpose.

The exercises were opened by the Invocation, given by the Headmaster in the unavoidable absence of the Reverend Thomas MacAnespie. This was followed

by the band rendition of The Star Spangled Banner.

The Salutatory was delivered by Edward W. Finn, who gave a splendid talk, expressing the appreciation of the class for the almost numberless advantages which the class has enjoyed as students here. Leslie L. Goddard, the Valedictorian, spoke well also and told of the mixed feelings which the class felt at leaving their Alma Mater, — sorrow at

leaving but with high hopes and anticipation of a happy future.

It was our great privilege to have Mr. William G. Sutcliffe as speaker of the day. Mr. Sutcliffe is Dean of the College of Business Administration of Boston University. His remarks to the class were vital and of great value. His address brought well merited applause from the audience of four hundred. He was introduced by President Augustus P. Loring, Jr.

Musical selections played by the Band were the Challenger Overture, the clarinet solo David Polka, with Bruce E. Haeger as soloist and two military marches.

Towards the close of the program came the part which the graduating class had long awaited. Headmaster William M. Meacham presented the class members with their coveted diplomas. Diplomas for the completion of the course in Sloyd and Mechanical Drawing were also awarded, as were the Shaw and Temple prizes for excellence in effort.

The program and the names of those receiving diplomas follows:

PROGRAM

Invocation

Headmaster William M. Meacham

The Star Spangled Banner *Keyes*
Overture—Challenger *DeLamater*
Salutatory

Edward W. Finn
Clarinet Solo—David Polka *Albee*
Bruce E. Haeger

Valedictory
Leslie L. Goddard

March—Mutual *Bennett*
Introduction of Speaker
President Augustus P. Loring, Jr.

Address
William G. Sutcliffe
Dean of the College of Business Administration
Boston University

Presentation of Diplomas
Headmaster William M. Meacham
March—El Capitan *Sousa*

DIPLOMAS AWARDED

Graduation	
Richard Emery Duquet	
Edward Walter Finn	
Leslie LeRoy Goddard	
Bruce Edwin Haeger	
Sloyd	
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Paul Calloe	
Arthur Wallace Fitt	
Paul Woodruff Horton	
Robert Allen Patterson	



Bowditch House

Honor Roll — Spring Term**Sophomore Class**

Edward W. Finn 91
Leslie L. Goddard 85.2

Freshman Class

Wiley L. Bishop 92.5
Richard G. Morrill 90.2

Eighth Grade

Howard E. Jennison 86.4
Lauriston L. Crockett 85.8

Seventh Grade

George E. Hotton 89.7
Malcolm C. Wiley 89.3

Sixth Grade

David W. Simmons 90.1
Donald S. Duquet 85.8

Forty-four of the boys received a mark of 90 or over in classroom effort. They were:

Sophomore Class

Richard E. Duquet Edward W. Finn
Bruce E. Haeger Leslie L. Goddard

Freshman Class

Wiley L. Bishop	Robert L. Burton
Berton E. Cadorath	Paul Calloe
William D. Gordon III	Paul D. Keith
Richard G. Morrill	Robert B. Morrill
Robert A. Patterson	William T. Warfield
Donald Wood	Stephen J. Zevitas

Eighth Grade

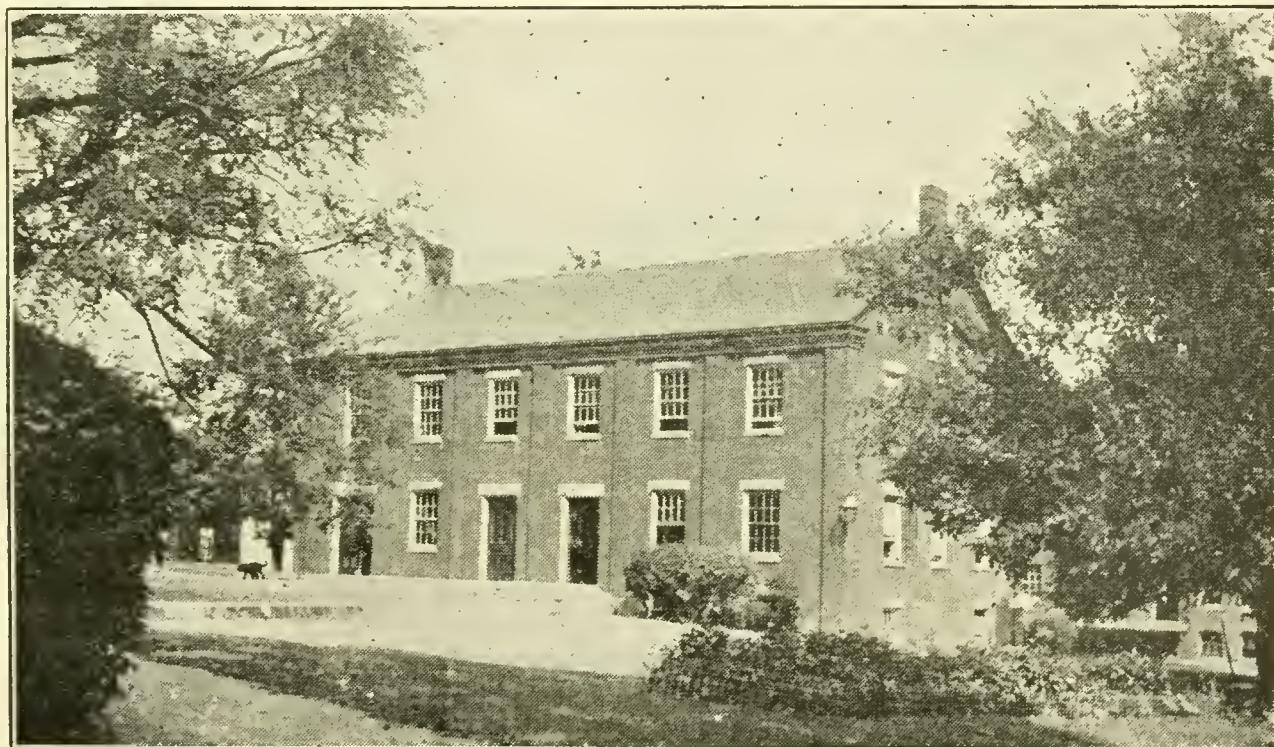
Lauriston L. Crockett	Kenneth W. Duquet
D. Peter Finnegan	Howard E. Jennison
William H. Manson	Richard E. McPhee
Ramsey G. Porter	Burleigh M. Pratt
Donald C. Ricker	Albert C. Roberts

Seventh Grade

James L. Angelos	Edward P. Doerr, Jr.
Lawrence F. Finn	Preston A. Gilmore
Charles E. Hotton, Jr.	George E. Hotton
George S. Keyes, Jr.	Robert E. Lucien
Walter H. Noland	Walter C. Roberts
Robert K. Stewart	Malcolm C. Wiley

Sixth Grade

Donald S. Duquet	Thurmond Hood
Jeremy A. Hixon	Theodore L. Jones
Richard G. Parlin	David W. Simmons

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We have a troubled world to-day. International problems loom high on the horizon. In America we are divided in opinion about OPA and other vital matters. Our commonwealth and our city need many improvements but are already debt burdened. Our homes lack many goods and commodities and in many there are tragedies far more vital than material things.

We all know the causes of these troubles and also we all know the answers. A cartoonist could draw a picture of a small child holding an apple in both hands behind his back looking up at his daddy and saying, "Daddy where's the apple, the big red apple you just gave me?" The father, taking a wise and wondering pose, saying, "My child, I haven't the slightest idea. where *can* it be?"

If we know the causes and answers why can't we, or why don't we quickly correct them all? We pretend not to know where the apple is hidden. We blame the other fellow for the trouble. We say one person cannot change the world so all of us go right on feasting on ice cream and forcing butter almost out of the market.

The fundamental laws are well known, have been known for centuries, and we are intelligent and well informed. There are certain poisons, which, if taken into the human body, cause death. This natural law cannot successfully be violated. Oh, minute quantities may only cause temporary illness but we must be careful.

Most of us admit the presence of the Deity and we want our community to have churches and clergymen. We even like to have our children attend Sunday School but too many men refuse to accept the responsibility of regular attendance and sincere worship. The Golden Rule is still an important part of human living.

The law of supply and demand is as fundamental as life itself. A postage stamp, a pound of butter, a seat on the stock exchange, each one has its price. The price depends on how many of that kind are available, how many people want the available supply and how much money or real goods the buyers are able and willing to give.

Give and Get. This pair of factors really set the pace of human affairs. The small child says, "*You give me that!*" We all know that "Give" is the horse and "Get" the buggy but again we keep pretending. We consume our energies trying to have the horse push the buggy rather than pull it.

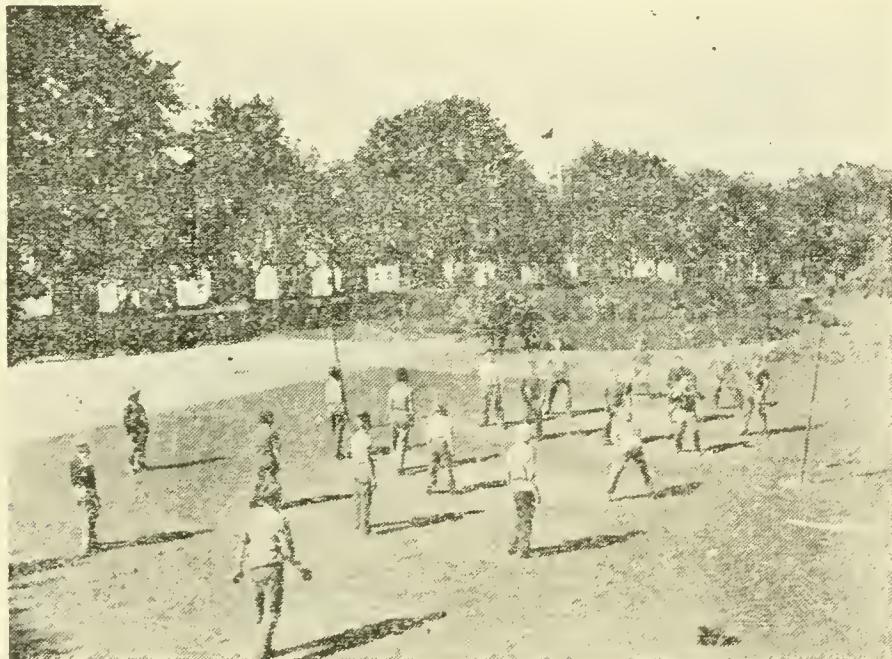
We pretend that our congressmen are at fault, our president, or our governor, or our mayor. Who elected them? Did you and I? Or did we just fail to take any active part in the election?

Me? No, I am not to blame for the troubles and faults around us. You are the one! Always the other fellow, *not me!*

Topics in Brief

The program of Graduation week was a happy and successful one. On Sunday June 2 the boys attended the Baccalaureate service at the Philips Congregational Church in South Boston. On June 3 the Class Excursion took place, and the boys spent the day at Benson's Wild Animal Farm in Nashua, N.H. The Board of Trustees held the June meeting at the School on June 4. In the evening the Farewell Party to the graduating class was given by the Freshmen. Graduation took place on June 5. The address was delivered by Mr. William G. Sutcliffe, Dean of the College of Business Administration of Boston University.

The boys have enjoyed the usual summer sports during this vacation period. Swimming has been by far the most popular and nearly all of the boys have taken advantage of every swimming period. Tennis is another well liked summer activity. For team games softball has been played continually day after day,



Volleyball-A Favorite Summertime Game

and many baseball games have also been played. Volleyball has been another summer team game which has had many adherents.



In the Good Old Summertime

The Rotary Club Concert

It was the privilege and pleasure of our Band to be invited to play a concert for the Boston Rotary Club at the Hotel Statler, in Boston, on June 12. More than 350 members of the club were present for the luncheon and never have the boys played before a more appreciative audience.

Plans for the concert had been made well in advance, and the music was carefully rehearsed and a program planned which would show the diversity of the group. The trip to the Statler was made in a specially chartered bus and a few minutes later the concert stage was set.

At this point the boys left the platform and enjoyed a Rotary Club luncheon. The pomp and style of a first class hotel was a distinct novelty to them, and they had considerable joy in the meal.

After the members of the Rotary Club had finished their fine luncheon, and a period of business and group singing enjoyed, the boys took their places on the platform and Captain Frank L. Warren, who had previously been introduced to the club members, began the concert. Eight selections were played, including

solo numbers by Harold D. Lowery and William T. Warfield.

Following the concert the band was heartily congratulated by individual members of the Club. Our Headmaster, Mr. Meacham, who is a member of the Boston Rotary, received almost countless congratulatory messages on the excellence of the boys. Not only was the music very much enjoyed, but the gentlemanly appearance and conduct of the group was refreshing.

The Band wishes to thank all those who made it possible for this visit to the Hotel Statler to be held. It is no easy task to arrange for such a visitation. The effort expended is greatly appreciated by our boys.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1856

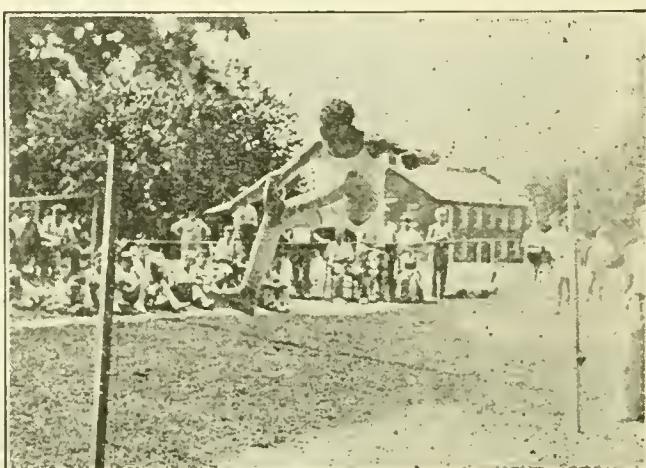
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18 Went with the boys to the city and to Mount Auburn on the horse railroad and returned by way of Spectacle Island in the Mayflower.

23 Went to Manchester, N.H. and came back the next morning.

26 Mrs. Cremins came down to see her son. Edw. Finnegan was admitted on Tuesday, the 27th.

The foregoing Journal since June 11, 1841 has been kept by Robert Morrison whose term of service expires to-day.



Track Meet

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

We print below excerpts from a letter written by **SERGEANT DAVID G. HAEGER '42**, which gives an excellent portrayal of some of his experiences as a Finance man in Gorizia, Italy. Sergeant Haeger also enclosed several pictures of Gorizia which were very interesting, and for which we thank him.

"It sure was swell to here from you. I try to keep up my correspondence, but there is so much to do around here at times that it is hard to find time to do all one would like to. Still, I do try to keep you posted on how I am getting along here in Italy.

"You probably know about the fine trip I had over here from the States. I saw most of Europe, and most of it from the air.

"I have been working in this Finance Office in Gorizia since January. I don't object to this work at all, and have a better deal than many of the men in the service. At least I think so. We have excellent living quarters, and the food in our mess hall is the best in the Division. For recreation we have a theater and the latest pictures. We have a large Red Cross club and an EM club for all of us in Hq. Co. There are dances every night with local girls coming in as partners. On weekends the Red Cross sponsors trips to Grado, where there is an excellent beach on the Adriatic. I spent last week-end there, and intend to do likewise next Sunday.

"I don't know when I'll be leaving this country, but since the 18 months limit

on service has gone through I'll be discharged in January. All of the time I spent with the AST doesn't count. Time passes fast here in Gorizia.

"You perhaps read of the trouble that we have been having here recently. There have been some pretty serious riots, but everything is quiet now.

"I'd like very much to have the addresses of Walter Johanssen and Alan Stewart. Wonder if Alan is out of the service yet.

"I have a Mercury II camera, 35mm, which is a honey. I have taken about 300 pictures with it, and the results are surprisingly good. One of my prints won first prize in a Red Cross contest, and I'll enclose a newspaper reprint of it.

"I have had a chance to travel about since being here. I've been to the northern part of Italy to the Austrian border. I climbed among the Julian Alps. I had a four day pass to Venice, spent a few days in Rome and now I'm looking forward to taking a trip to Switzerland. I really enjoy traveling and seeing all of these different places that I have read about while I was going to school.

"On my way over I spent at least one day in London, Berlin, Frankfort, Vienna and other famous places.

"Best of luck to everyone at the School."

The Alumni Field Day

The annual field day of the Alumni Association was held at the School on June 8. Although this article is being written almost a month after the event took place, the great pleasure enjoyed on the day is fresh and vivid in memory.

To begin with, the number present far exceeded that of any field day in recent years. What a joy it was to meet the boys

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who have lately returned from their duty in the war areas! And to once again greet graduates whose class dates back a half a century or even longer.

The Association is deeply grateful to the School for making this day notable. Headmaster William M. Meacham and the school staff did everything possible to make the day a happy one and the Association certainly appreciates the great effort made. The buffet luncheon served by the school staff to more than 350 guests was an example of the time, effort and expense entailed voluntarily and cheerfully by the School to make the occasion pleasant and memorable.

Transportation was chiefly by means of a chartered boat, and the school assisted with the PILGRIM III. It took an hour to make the several trips across Dorchester Bay. Each boatload was met at the Wharf by the Band and the excellent playing of the boys, and their appearance in the colorful uniforms gave the day a good start.

The group assembled at noon in the cool shade and beauty of the front lawn and enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon. A short meeting was held during which Headmaster Meacham welcomed the graduates and their friends and urged them to make use of every facility at the School.

A presentation to the Band was made by William B. Cross, '17 of an excellent cornet and trombone. The instruments were gratefully received for the School by Headmaster Meacham. This valuable gift is greatly appreciated, and the instruments will greatly aid our band music program.

Two other gifts helped make the day pleasant for the boys. One was a sack of

peanuts from Merton P. Ellis, '97 and George G. Noren, '02 and the other an assortment of chocolate bars from Miss Edith C. Robertson, niece of James H. Graham, '79. Until his death four years ago Mr. Graham's name was almost synonymous with our Field Day and it was pleasant for the present F. T. S. boys to enjoy the kindness of Mr. Graham's niece.

The afternoon was devoted to sports and games. In softball the school team barely won over the alumni in a game which was filled with good play. But the baseball game drew the bigger crowd. The single men had some trouble, but finally eked out a victory over the married nine. There were plenty of laughs in this game, as well as some really good plays.

During the intermission which followed the games, some of the graduates enjoyed visiting the dormitories and the shops, and some paid their respects to those who had gone before and are laid to rest in our little cemetery.

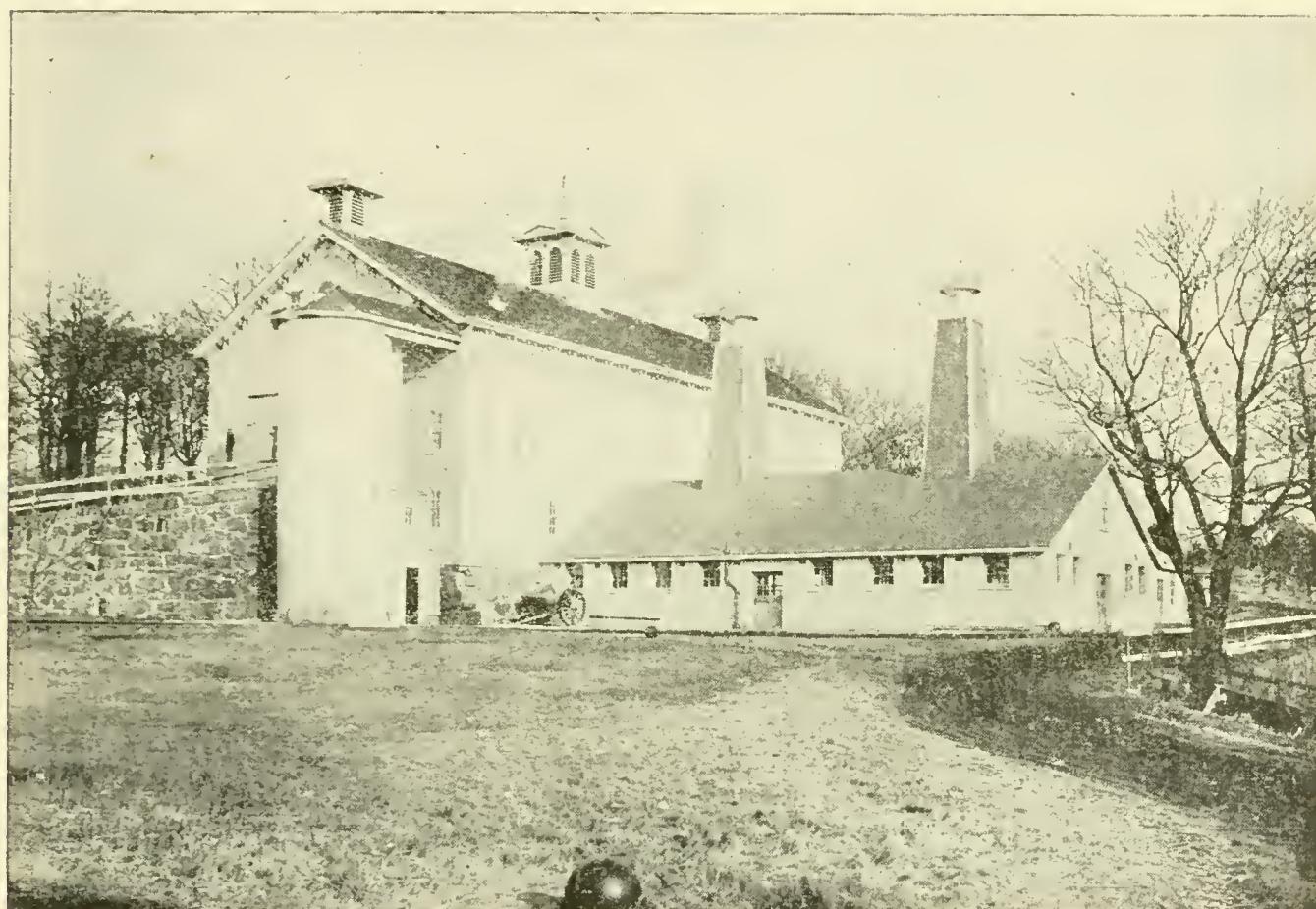
The last event on the day's schedule was a series of races and contests for the undergraduates. There were all sorts of informal stunts, including old favorites such as the potato race and sack race. Cash prizes were given the winners in each event.

At about 4:30 the return trips began to South Boston. In every way the day was pronounced a great success. Great credit is due the chairman of the day, Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, through whose effort a big undertaking was carried out in a very happy, long-to-be-remembered, manner.



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Main Barn and Dairy Barn

This illustration shows the two main structures around which our agricultural program is centered. The main barn was erected in 1861, and at that time was used for cattle, horses and oxen.

In 1926 the dairy barn was built. The oxen gave way to horses, and trucks and

a tractor have largely replaced the horses. We still have one team for there is much work on our farm for horses, and the boys enjoy working with them.

The dairy barn takes care of our prize herd of Guernseys. This herd is in its twentieth year and we are mighty proud

of the records it has made. Adjacent, and shown in the picture below is a smaller building which contains a modern pasteurization and bottling unit.

The value of our agricultural training is found in the fact that so many of our graduates find their life work in some branch of agriculture. And they find that life out of doors in touch with the soil is a most natural and happy one.

The Wolfeboro Band Trip

For several years prior to the war our Band went to Wolfeboro, N. H. to provide music for the celebration of July Fourth. This trip was a great annual treat, but the war stopped it for four years. This year our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, made plans for us to go again.

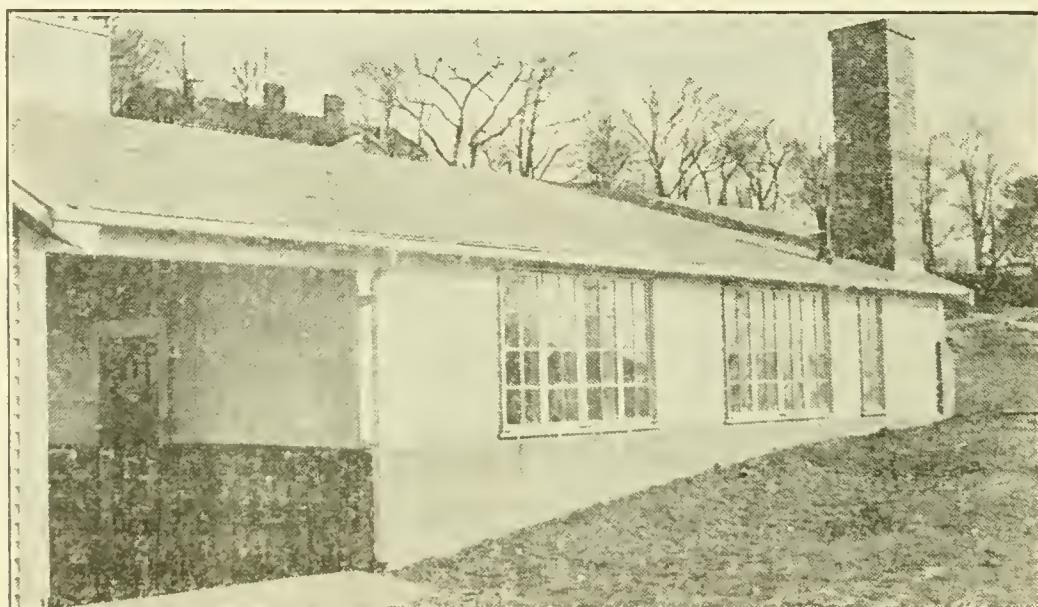
On the morning of July 3 we were ready to leave at 8:30, and soon we were on the way. At City Point we had to wait for an exchange of busses, and in Medford Square there was some trouble with the battery. These minor mishaps put us about an hour behind schedule, but the rest of the drive was perfect.

We stopped at Alton Bay where we had our lunch, and went for a swim in Lake Winnipesaukee. Those who had never had swimming except in the ocean got a happy surprise, for the lake water was just perfect.

Wolfeboro isn't far from Alton Bay and soon we were at the town of our destination. We stopped at Lakeland Orchards and greeted Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster. They have always made the arrangements for this band trip and we certainly appreciate all that they do for us.

Although we were late, it made little difference, for the custodian of the school where we were to be quartered was also late. He met our bus and took us to the Carpenter school. This beautiful building had every necessary facility for our comfort. It took us only a few minutes to get settled and then most of the boys were off for the swimming beach.

We had our meals in a small restaurant which had just enough tables to accommodate our group. During supper we



The Dairy

learned what our schedule was going to be. That night we were to play a concert from 8:00-9:00, and then we were invited to the movies. The concert went off well, and then Mr. Ansel Sanborn kindly arranged for the movies.

Early the next morning our bus driver Mr. Albert Johnson, whom we called "Skipper", aroused us for an early swim in the lake. Some of us were wary of such a practice but after the first dive we discovered that an early morning dip in Lake Winnipesaukee was a real treat. We had use of all the facilities at a beautiful bathing beach. The lifeguard on duty was a classmate of our supervisor, Mr. Thomas, at Aquatic school and took good care of us in every way.

At ten o'clock that morning the street parade began. Besides our band there were floats from different camps, representatives of the armed forces of both world wars, Red Cross units, boy scouts and some ancient automobiles. It was a beautiful day for a parade, and the parade moved exactly as planned with no delays.

Following the parade we had free time until mid-afternoon, when we gave a short request concert. Our next part in the program was a field drill and concert in the evening. During the spare hours Mr. Thompson, who rents rowboats let us have the use of his boats and most of us were rowing around Wolfeboro Bay every time we had a few odd minutes. We are very grateful to Mr. Thompson.

At the evening concert we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Marjorie Hatch, the leader of several musical groups in the town. She led us in a military march. She has a fine band in the Wolfeboro schools, and maybe sometime her band and ours might give a joint concert on one of these July 4 trips.

In the morning we left Wolfeboro at 9:30, and had a pleasant trip back to City Point. We boarded the Pilgrim III at 1:30.

This Wolfeboro trip will long be in our memory as a most eventful outing. We thank all those who made it possible.

Wiley L. Bishop



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In this column last month we mentioned some of our human problems. Most tragedies and sorrows are man-made. Man has the knowledge to prevent them. Here at the school our total help in solving human problems and making this world a better world is comparatively small but our little may spread influence like the waves caused by a stone thrown into a pool. An example of such influence is clearly shown in a letter just received from one of our young graduates.

In an eight-page letter this lad writes, "I should imagine that you are somewhat surprised to receive a letter from me but I have just had quite a big experience happen to me and I've got to tell you about it, I feel, because I don't think I would have had the honors I did if I hadn't gone to that 'big little school' there on the Island."

The entire letter is most interesting. He relates how he was selected one of four delegates from his church to the Newton Pilgrim Fellowship Conference to join 102 other young men and women selected from Congregational churches throughout the Commonwealth to join in a week of deliberations and prayer.

The entire conference assembly was divided into council groups of ten. His group elected him as their "Senator" and with eight other "Senators" elected from the other groups held daily conferences with the Dean of the assembly. The Senate also had many decisions to make on matters suggested by the faculty.

Then on the final day of the session our young graduate was elected by the faculty as their one choice for Deacon. A girl was elected Deaconess and the Senate made similar selections, making a total of four promoted to this high honor.

Our lad said the Conference was filled with thrilling experiences, for instance, he writes, "The Dean asked me to give

Grace at the supper table so I gave the Grace we have at the School and what made me feel so good about that was that only two or three of the young people were asked to give Grace and the faculty of ministers gave it the rest of the time."

Henry Porter must "be on the right track" as these experiences show. He was further accorded the privilege of selecting "The conference Hymn" and he chose one of his favorites learned at the School, "Oh, Father, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Congratulations to you, Henry. Keep up the good work. Always giving of your best yields big profits in satisfaction and happiness. This purposeful service makes your community a better community and hence is a definite factor in making a better world.

Topics in Brief

Our Band went to Wolfeboro, N. H. to help that town celebrate the Fourth of July. The boys left early on the morning

of July 3 and returned on July 5. They played three concerts in the town square, led the street parade and executed a fancy marching drill. It was a noteworthy trip, and the boys enjoyed every moment of it.

Two Friends Days were held during the month, on July 4 and July 26. Although many of the boys were on vacation, those here enjoyed the opportunity of showing their parents and friends about the island campus.

Mr. Edward Rowe Snow has visited the island twice this summer on his lecturing tours of historical Boston Bay. Mr. Snow has two ideas in mind, either of which may be used for a future radio dramatization of Thompson's Island, on his series of broadcasts entitled "Six Bells".

Necessary work on our silo has been done during the month by an expert in this field, assisted by members of our staff.



Looking towards the Wharf

The Boston Rotary Club held an outing at the School on August 1. Rain fell throughout the day, making outdoor activities impossible. The gymnasium and Bowditch House dining room were utilized for the activities of the group. Not at all daunted by the lack of cooperation of the weatherman, the Rotarians and their guests enjoyed a program of sports, games and novelties, topped off with a typical Seiler chicken dinner. It was a real privilege for us to have the Rotarians use our facilities.

A varied and successful program of summer sports and recreation has been enjoyed by the boys during this pleasant season. Water sports have been the most popular, of course, and nearly all of the boys have developed their swimming skills. Softball, baseball, tennis and volleyball have been played continually. We are fortunate in having excellent facilities for the playing of all these popular summer games, and the boys certainly make use of them.

Like all boys everywhere, our lads have become intensely interested in the current baseball campaigns. For the first time in 28 years Boston will have an entry in the World Series, and the day to day activities of Mr. Ted Williams and company are favorite topics. The Boston Red Sox are on their way, and our lads are rooting for them!

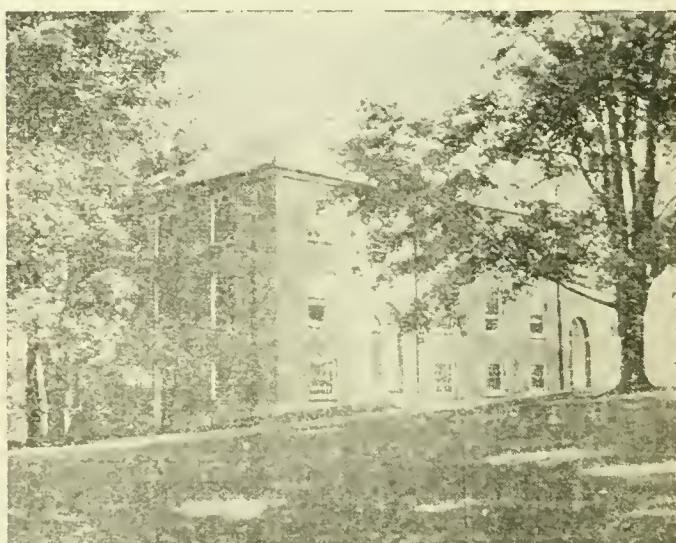
Calendar 90 Years Ago, July 1856 As kept by the Superintendent

1. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison who have so successfully performed the duties of Superintendent and Matron for this Institution during the past fifteen years left in the steamer Mayflower for the city from whence they proceed to their new home in Portsmouth, N. H.

Their successors now feel the full force of the responsibility resting upon them, and while grateful to the Managers for their confidence in them, resolve that nothing on their part shall be left undone to promote the best interests of the Institution and the welfare of all who come under their charge - With God lies the issue.

4. This morning was ushered in by the firing of cannon, ringing of bells and other socalled patriotic demonstrations in various directions. Our boys caught the spirit and rang their bells and hurrahed most vigorously. Swings were prepared for them and throughout the day they gave evidence of enjoying themselves finely. Having been well feasted during the day - and there being but little display of fireworks in evening on account of damp weather - they were glad to go to bed at an early hour and were soon locked in the embrace of Morpheus.

16. Mrs. Morse went to the city. Sent Blish to city for soup meat. Gave the boys johnny cake and currants with sugar for supper.



Dormitory A, of the Hayden Group

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER, '24 whom we have noted in these columns as "Killed in Action" has sent us the following note.

Dutch Harbor, Alaska
July 19, 1946

"I have been intending to write for months. Yes, I am very much alive. My father received word that I had been killed. I received my honorable discharge from the army for disability after nearly fourteen years service. My work now is Wire Chief of the Telephone System.

"This base is an important link in the Aleutian chain and I am due to be stationed here eighteen months. Hope to have my wife and daughter with me shortly. They are home in Seattle now.

"This telephone exchange is built underground in a bomb proof tunnel. It was here that many of our subs did a job on the Japs. Snow is prominent in this area in mid-July.

"The cost of things at this base is very reasonable. Butter, for instance, at forty cents a pound. Cigarettes seven cents a package. Remember me to everyone at F.T.S."

Sincerely,
Willard G. Schroeder, '24

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, '25 is beginning his studies at Wentworth Institute in September, under the G. I. Bill of Rights. He lives at 3 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

STEPHEN H. VINAL, is another of our former servicemen returning to academic work. He hopes to become enrolled at Suffolk University. He lives at 278 Washington St., Stoughton, Mass.

Pvt. LESLIE L. GODDARD, '46 U. S. M. C. is in boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He writes:

"I like the Marine Service very much, but the training is really hard. We drill in sandpits, and this drill field is about four times the size of the F. T. S. athletic field. It is hot here, and the only relief is the frequent rains. I hope to have a leave in October, and will try to visit Thompson's Island."

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, Jr., '37, and LINWOOD L. MEACHAM, '41 have completed their duties with the armed forces. Linwood has just returned to Thompson's Island from the West coast. After a short vacation in Vermont he will return to school. William's present address is 32 Grant Ave., Amsterdam, New York.

ROBERT H. STONE, '42 is still in the Navy, but we expect that he will be discharged soon. He is stationed at Pearl Harbor. His home address is 11 Carroll St., Watertown, Mass.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, '45 is a very recent dischargee from the U. S. Navy. He phoned us giving the good news, and would like to hear from his F.T.S. Schoolmates. He intends to leave soon for Milwaukee. Mail will reach him if addressed to 100 North St. Middleboro, Mass.

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We regret to report the death of one of our older members. GEORGE J. ALCOTT, of the class of 1880 passed away on July 22. He was a faithful and conscientious member of the Asssociation for the past several decades.

He lived in Bridgewater, Mass. and for a long time was engaged in the hotel business in that town.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '24, is located in Wolfeboro, N.H., where he is the owner of a Texaco filling station.

THOMAS U. FOLLANSBEE, '74, sent regrets at being unable to be with us for the Field day last June. Being 87 years old he enjoys our gatherings intown but a visit to the island last June was, in his words, a little "too much". He lives at 465 Washington Ave., Chelsea, Mass.

HENRY J. PORTER, '45 finished his junior year at English H. S., in Boston in June. In July he entered St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton for an operation from which he is speedily recuperating, His home address is 33 Arden St., Allston, Mass.

HOWARD S. COSTELLO, '27 keeps in touch with his friends at Thompson's Island. His home address is 34 Cedar St., Malden, Mass.

HAROLD E. BRENTON, '90 was among those present at the Field Day on June 8. After graduating from our school Mr. Brenton returned to become director of the Band, which position he held for many years. He has a wide circle of friends

among the alumni, who were glad to meet him once again. His address is Whiting Street, R.F.D. Rockland, Mass.

Award of Prizes

At Graduation time the Shaw Prizes, which are cash awards, and the Temple Consolation Prizes consisting of books were awarded. These prizes, for excellence in effort, have been awarded for fifty-eight years.

Those who received the Shaw Prizes were:

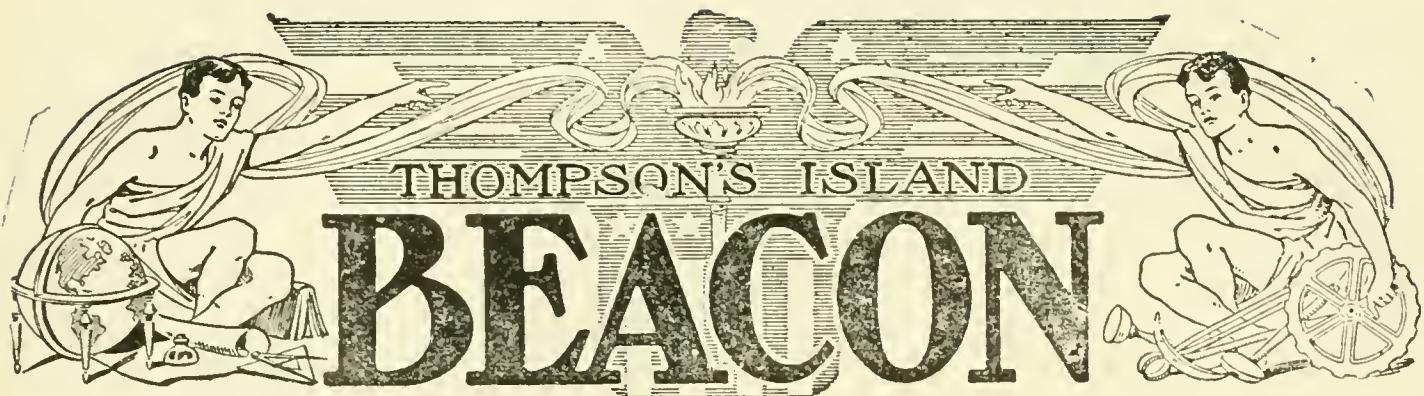
- 1st Richard G. Morrill
- 2nd A. Wallace Fitt
- 3rd Robert B. Morrill
- 4th Stephen J. Zevitas
- 5th Paul W. Horton
- 6th David W. Simmons, Jr.
- 7th Thurmond Hood
- 8th Jon Hines
- 9th Harold W. Kew, Jr.
- 10th William D. Gordon III

Those who received the Temple Consolation Prizes were:

- 11th Harold D. Lowery, Jr.
- 12th Jeremy A. Hixon
- 13th Richard E. Duquet
- 14th William H. Manson
- 15th Harold W. Hill

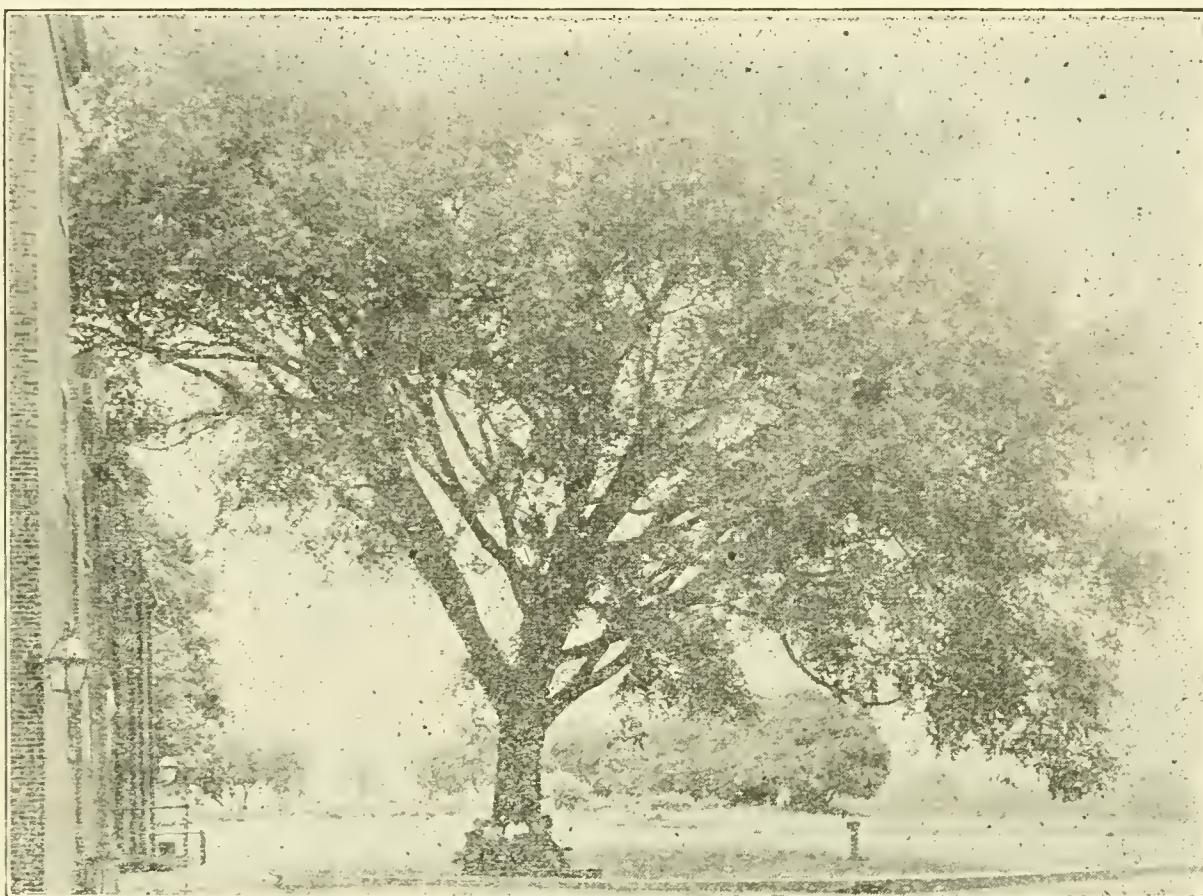
The following received honorable mention:

- 16th Ernest D. Cornish
- 17th Andre C. Bourne
- 18th Robert E. Lucien
- 19th Walter C. Roberts
- 20th Bruce E. Haeger
- 21st Robert L. Burton
- 22nd Kenneth W. Duquet



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Campus Scene—The Old Elm

The Old Elm is probably the only tree now standing which was here when our school moved to Thompson's Island in 1832. No one knows how old this beautiful tree is, and it has apparently not altered materially in shape or size in the memory of our oldest graduate.

In its shade thousands of boys have

played and rested for the past 113 years. It is true that Time has made magic changes at Thompson's Island, but this one old Elm remains as it always has,— a silent sentinel standing guard on sacred memory ground.

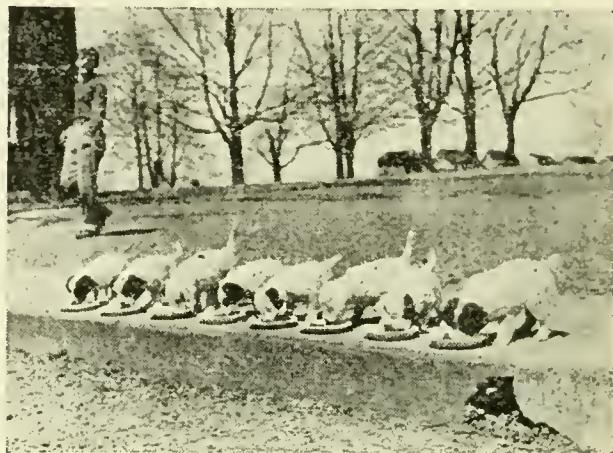
May it thus remain for many, many more decades.

Tennis

This year tennis has aroused the interest of quite a number of boys and the game has been played continually throughout the summer. The Guy Lowell Senior and Junior Tennis Tournaments started in August. The boys 14 years old and over were included in the Senior tournament and those under 14 in the Junior. A few days later two tournament schedules were posted and the boys started playing. The first rounds were finished in a week. In order to advance a player had to win two of three sets. Two weeks later the finals were played. William Kellaway and Malcolm Wiley played for the Junior Championship and Wallace Fitt played Robert Lucien for the Senior. The sets were hard fought with the result that the 1946 Guy Lowell Memorial Cups were won by Wallace Fitt, Senior, and Malcolm Wiley, Junior.

Wiley L. Bishop

—Pets at Thompson's Island include dogs, cats, horses and even cows. Boys are fond of animals and our lads certainly take care of their pets.



Judy's Pups

The Fishing Season

The fishing season began later this year than it usually does. Some of the boys fished two or three weeks before getting any good results, but finally the mackerel began to bite. From then on the fishing was very good. Paul Horton is the best fisherman so far this year, and he has the best mackerel record with 42.

I have caught nine, but I don't go fishing all the time. Some of the boys like nothing better than to spend all their playtime catching mackerel, eels, silver hake, butterfish and cod.

For bait we use minnows or sea worms. The minnows get the best results and when the mackerel are running this bait is plentiful. Some of the boys have real good fishing equipment, while others use nothing but a piece of fishline wound on any handy stick or pole,

It is quite a thrill to catch a good sized mackerel. In no time at all such a catch is soon ready for the frying pan, and is very tasty.

D. Peter Finnegan



Fishing

A Softball Game

One Saturday a group of people came to have a picnic, and they challenged us to a game of softball. We organized a team and after lunch the game started. The visitors had some good players, and some heavy hitters and got an early lead. After awhile we caught up to them and when the game ended we were ahead. We had a lot of fun playing, but more fun afterwards. This was because there were a lot of girls amongst the visitors and they made up a team. Some of them played well, and some had never played before. We didn't play in this game but enjoyed looking on.

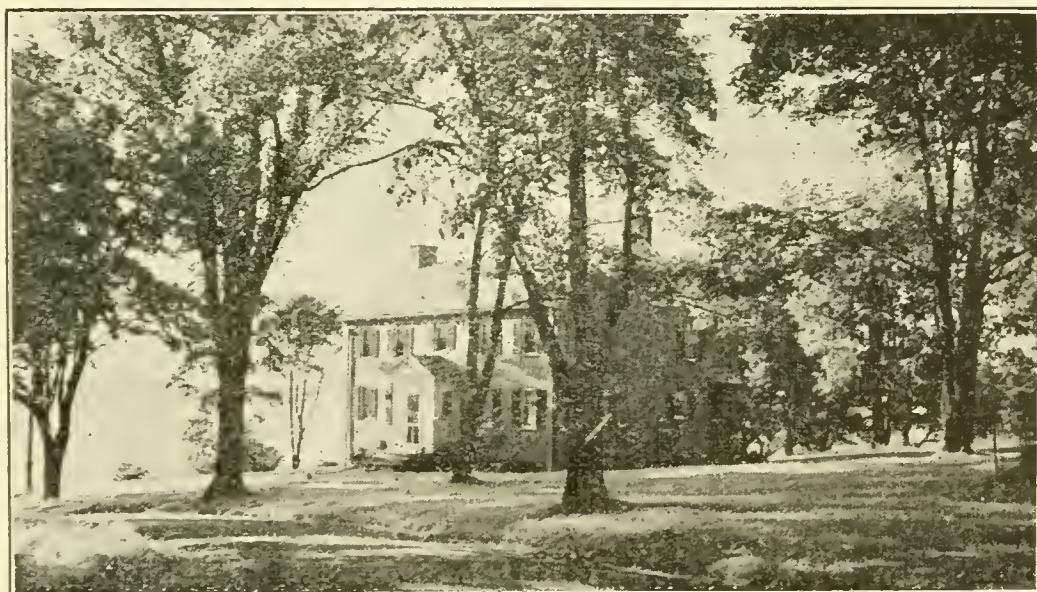
A Corn Roast

During August the crop of garden corn was so large that there was danger of some of it not being eaten. So one day our farm instructor had about two bushels of the corn delivered to each dormitory, and at night each building enjoyed a corn roast. There was plenty for everyone, and there was none left over. We all had a good feed of corn and the farm didn't have to worry about losing any of the crop.

The Jester's Comments

—Upon coming to the School one of the new boys was cautioned to write home real often. He readily promised. But his mother added the story that he had so promised when he went to summer camp. She heard nothing from him for several weeks, then received this letter: "Dear Mom: Lost my wallet. Send \$2. Love."

—Someone once said that there is always time to do the things one wants to do. How true this is! The thought fits in nicely with the activities of one Wally Fitt, who wanted time for swimming. Wally came from town one afternoon with the School mail and other things. He left the wharf for the office with a bound then skipped to his dormitory, changed his clothes, and almost flew to the wharf attired in his swim trunks. Par for the course ordinarily is about thirty minutes. Wally's elapsed time was about three minutes. Now, with classes in session, home work to be done and the swimming season over the thought is put forth that homework time can be found in the same way, that is, if one wants to.



Campus Scene—Adams House

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This is the beginning of a new school year. There are, doubtless, the greatest number of enrollments ever in the history of our great country. We must all bend every effort toward the maximum results. We must make the most of this new year just dawning. The present and the future of our country, and to a very considerable extent the future of the world, rests upon our education.

Education is the process of finding and developing our God-given talents and abilities. Maximum development should be attained in order that we may best serve our fellow-men and leave the world just a little bit richer and better because of our short stay on this earth.

How far each individual should attempt to go in formal education and which branches of knowledge should be pursued is dependent upon many factors. Hence there is no rule which can be applied, even to the majority.

The educational program should assist the individual to develop his moral attitudes so that he will produce within himself the power to lead towards a high plane of life.

Education should never be confined to learning book matter even though this be the "cream" of human knowledge. Thorough grounding in the three R's and a wealth of other book knowledge is abundantly available and immensely valuable but this is not enough.

Appreciation of the beauty of life, the flowers, the birds, the sunsets, the stars, the music, all of these and much more are set forth on this earth for us to breathe in as free'y as air itself. The more of these things we study and understand the richer our lives become.

Then we must not forget that each of us is given the power, opportunity, responsibility of a useful pursuit of service to our fellow-men and thereby we obtain the

material essentials of life. During youth our educational program should be full of training along many useful lines in order that we may attend to the vocational duties of adult life.

Topics in Brief

The course in Water Safety and Life Saving as prescribed by the American Red Cross is being taught our boys. The instructor is Raymond Thomas, our supervisor, who is an accredited Red Cross teacher. Upon completion of the course the boys will receive Red Cross certificates, and will be entitled to wear the coveted insignia. This is a very valuable course enjoyed very much by our boys.

Each of the boys has enjoyed a period at home during the summer months. The last of the boys returned on September 2. Our school operates twelve months a year, with a summer program similar to a boys' camp. Academic work begins in September and continues until June.

The members of the choir of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church held their annual outing at the School during the month. Athletic contests filled most of the day's schedule. The group came in the morning and had a picnic lunch on our spacious front lawn.

Fishing has again taken a prominent part in the boys' everyday life. Mackerel, hake, butterfish, and sea bass have been caught, and in plentiful number.

Our table has been heaped high with vegetables fresh from our farm during the summer. Squash, corn, cucumbers, tomatoes and beans have been especially plentiful.

Visitors to the School never fail to remark upon the attractiveness of our island campus. Wide spacious lawns, beautiful shade trees, numerous flower beds, shrubbery and lovely gravel walks makes our campus one of great beauty. The work of keeping everything as it should be is done largely by the boys, and this training is extremely valuable. We always have a few boys who take a special liking to horticulture and landscape gardening, and they secure a firm foundation for future work in these important fields.

According to newspaper editorials and other items we note that the control of that pernicious pest, the mosquito, is far from satisfactory. After the glowing accounts of results gained from the use of lately-discovered chemicals in the Pacific war areas, many of us assumed that victory over insects, mosquitos in particular, was won. Alas, we find that although agricultural experts agree that these newer chemicals spell doom to mosquitos, the chemicals also seriously harm other living things. We await further experimentation and study. Meanwhile we fight with every approved means at our disposal. But always hoping!

Weekly rehearsals of the band have been held during the summer months, our band director Captain Frank L. Warren, coming on Friday evenings. The ranks of the band were not seriously depleted and a new school year finds our band looking forward to a very successful year. We endeavor to have each of our boys learn instrumental music, and few of our graduates have failed to play in our band.

Friends' Day took place on August 30, the parents and friends coming on the "Charlesbank". The weather was ideal.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, August 1856**As kept by the Superintendent**

4. Thomas Evans came to assist at marsh haying, and Mr. Neal, plumber, came with three men to repair water fixtures in boys' play house.

10. This has been a lovely day. Mr. Gaffield came to address the boys, he spoke to them particularly on the importance of a proper observance of the Sabbath. His remarks were listened to with much attention.

13. Wrought on hay in forenoon and afternoon took Leslie C. Jones to Eastern Depot, from which he went to Hampton falls, to live with Josiah Brown, farmer.

29. Today the steamer Mayflower called at the wharf to leave the parents and friends of the boys for their monthly visit. Not a great number were present, as the weather was unfavorable. Of the Managers only Dea. Grant was present. Mr. Daniell, who is to be assistant teacher here was present. William H. Harris, Charles A. Cammon, and Edwin J. Crowley, were admitted as pupils.

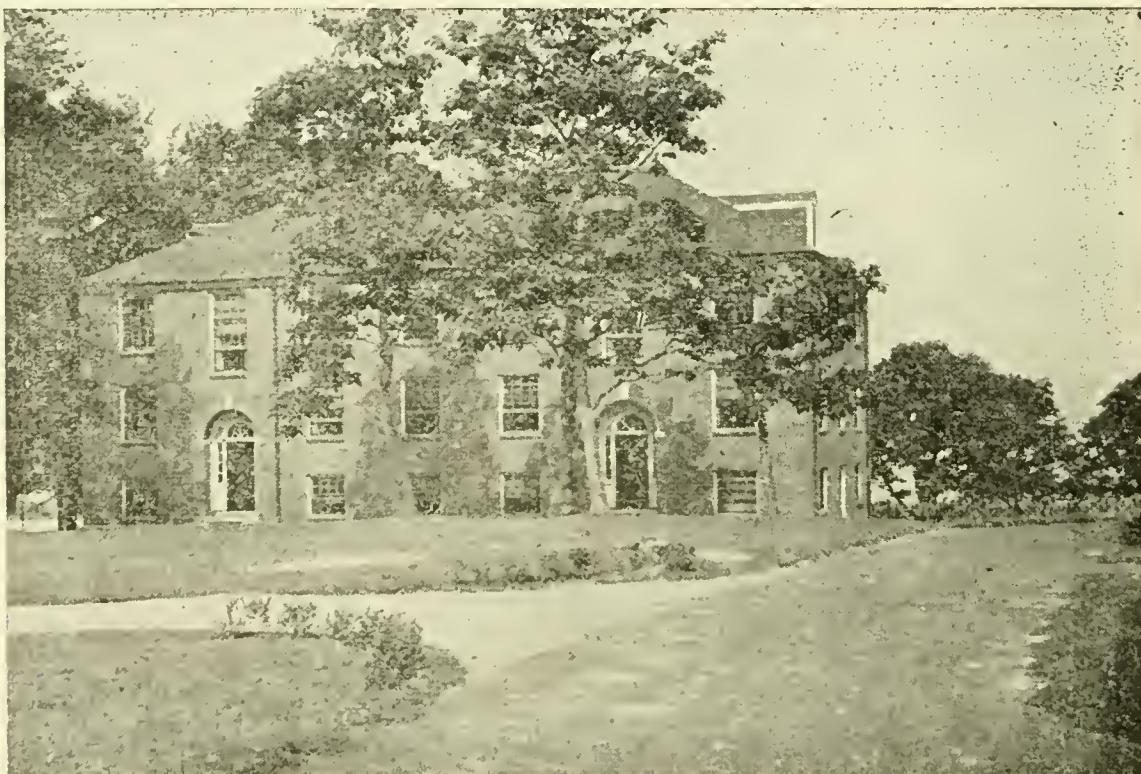
The Flagpole

A landmark in Boston Harbor is the Thompson's Island flagpole, situated on the highest point on the Island. The National Colors fly from this pole daily and the Flag is easily visible by all harbor craft.

Our present staff is made up of steel tubing and was erected in 1918. A bronze plaque on the pole is inscribed thus: "Gift of Lt. Arthur Adams in memory of Alfred Bowditch." Mr. Bowditch became a trustee of the School in 1884 and later became Treasurer and finally President of the School. He served in these capacities for 34 years.

The first flagpole on Thompson's Island was put up in 1835. The second was erected in 1853, the third in 1877 and the fourth in 1897. Our present pole, the fifth, is of steel construction, and has withstood all of nature's fury for nearly thirty years, although repairs have been necessary from time to time.

It is literally true that our boys study, work and play under the Stars and Stripes.

**Campus Scene—Dormitory A**

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

ROBERT P. DOOLING, '42 has received his discharge from the U. S. Navy, and is living at 2115 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, Mass. His request for his school record here leads us to believe that he contemplates resuming his education.

WALLACE O. FOLKINS, '42 has received his discharge from the armed forces and now lives in Somerville, Mass., at 37 Oliver Street.

CLYDE W. ALBEE, '33, since his discharge from the Armed Forces, has been working at the Museum of Natural history, in Boston. The museum is now closed to the general public, for the exhibits are being crated in preparation for moving to a fine new home on the Charles River Esplanade.

Mr. Albee is married, and lives at 100 Reservoir Ave., Revere, Mass.

WILLIAM D. LEONARD, a former pupil, is in the U. S. Navy and writes occasionally telling of his Naval work.

ASA M. DUQUET, '41 has been assigned duty aboard a newly commissioned vessel. He has been home on leave recently.

MYRON A. PRATT, '38 has finally made arrangements for his admittance to a college of music and began his studies recently, under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

ARTHUR C. BROWN, '29 is another of our fighting men who has finished his

work with the armed services. He continues his musical interests by joining the Motor Squadron Band of the State Guard.

WILLIAM S. WILSON, '34, is finishing his college education at Northeastern University, where he is a Senior. His academic training was interrupted when he joined the armed forces. In order to help defray expenses he sells books. After he has his college degree he plans to reenter the wool business. His home address is 851 Worcester St., Wellesley, Mass.

HAROLD B. DELORIE, '35, is working at a filling station in Wellesley. He was a member of a tank corps and is glad to be back in civilian life once again. He lives at 7 Burke Lane, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

ROBERT H. STONE, '42 was a recent visitor. He has recently been discharged from the U.S. Navy and has again resumed his radio repair work with a Boston concern. He is looking into the possibility of attending college, specializing in Electronics.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, JR., '37, and LINWOOD L. MEACHAM, '41, have both returned from duty with the armed forces and are preparing to attend Middlebury College. They will live in Ripton, Vermont.

JOHN PATTERSON, '43 was a recent visitor. He is an enlisted man, about midway in his first enlistment term. He has graduated from paratrooper's school, and has also concluded other Army courses.

The BEACON welcomes news of graduates and former students.

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MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19 went throughout New England presenting his entertainments of magic this summer. Known as the "Doctor of Entertainment," he never fails to present a truly enjoyable program of mystery, magic and fun. His home address is 12 Ophir St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

IVERS E. WINMILL, '23, has been for some years a member of the Boston Police Department. His work has been principally with the traffic division. He is usually stationed at the busy intersection of School and Tremont Streets.

RAYMOND THOMAS '26, has completed a refresher course at the Red Cross Aquatic School, on Cape Cod. This is a very intensive course, and is required of all teachers of First Aid, Water Safety and Life saving, Swimming and other American Red Cross certificates subjects. Mr. Thomas will teach these subjects here, as he has done for the past several years, and our boys grasp the opportunity of thus earning the special Red Cross awards.

HERBERT E. GOVE, '26 has for nearly twenty years been in the employ of Winfield Schuster, owner, and operator of the Schuster Mills. Mr. Gove is married and has 3 children.

He owns his home, which includes enough land so that it might be called a small farm. His gardens are his hobby, and they are something to be proud of. His address is East Douglas, Mass.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, JR., '45 is earning his way through school by working on

a farm in Hollis, N. H. He thoroughly enjoyed his school life in this small town and took part in all school activities. He hopes to visit us sometime this fall.

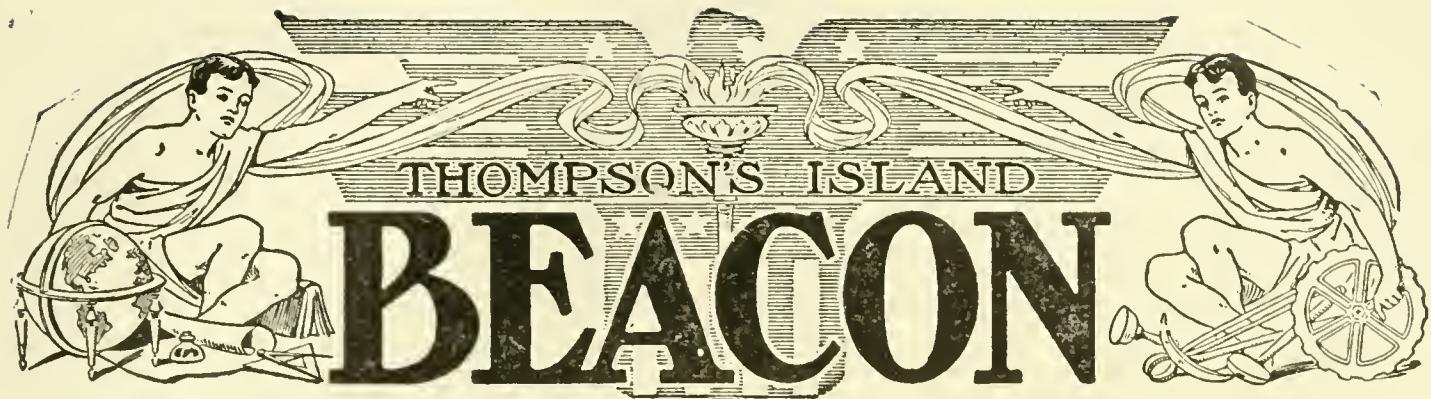
JOYCE E. MEACHAM will begin her studies at Dana Hall School in Wellesley this Fall. This work will follow that of Tenacre School, which she finished last June.

DARWIN C. BAIRD, '45, worked on our farm throughout the summer and will soon return to his academic studies at Mt. Hermon School, at Mt. Hermon, Mass.

For the seventh successive summer one or more of our younger graduates worked at Sandy Island Camp, Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire. This year FRANK N. BABICK, '45 helped there in the dining room waiting on table. This is an adult camp, operated by the Boston chapter, Y.M.C.A.

Frequently your secretary is asked to furnish addresses and information about our graduates and former people associated with the School. In this way graduates are enabled to resume contacts which have been broken. Our latest request is to send the address of A. Edward Renquist, '03 of 1725 Main St., West Harwich, R. I., to George Mayott, who lives at 6029 Dorchester Ave., Chicago.

The Association has an accurate list of addresses for most of the graduates and one of our aims is to keep our members in contact one with the other. It is a pleasure to perform such a service.

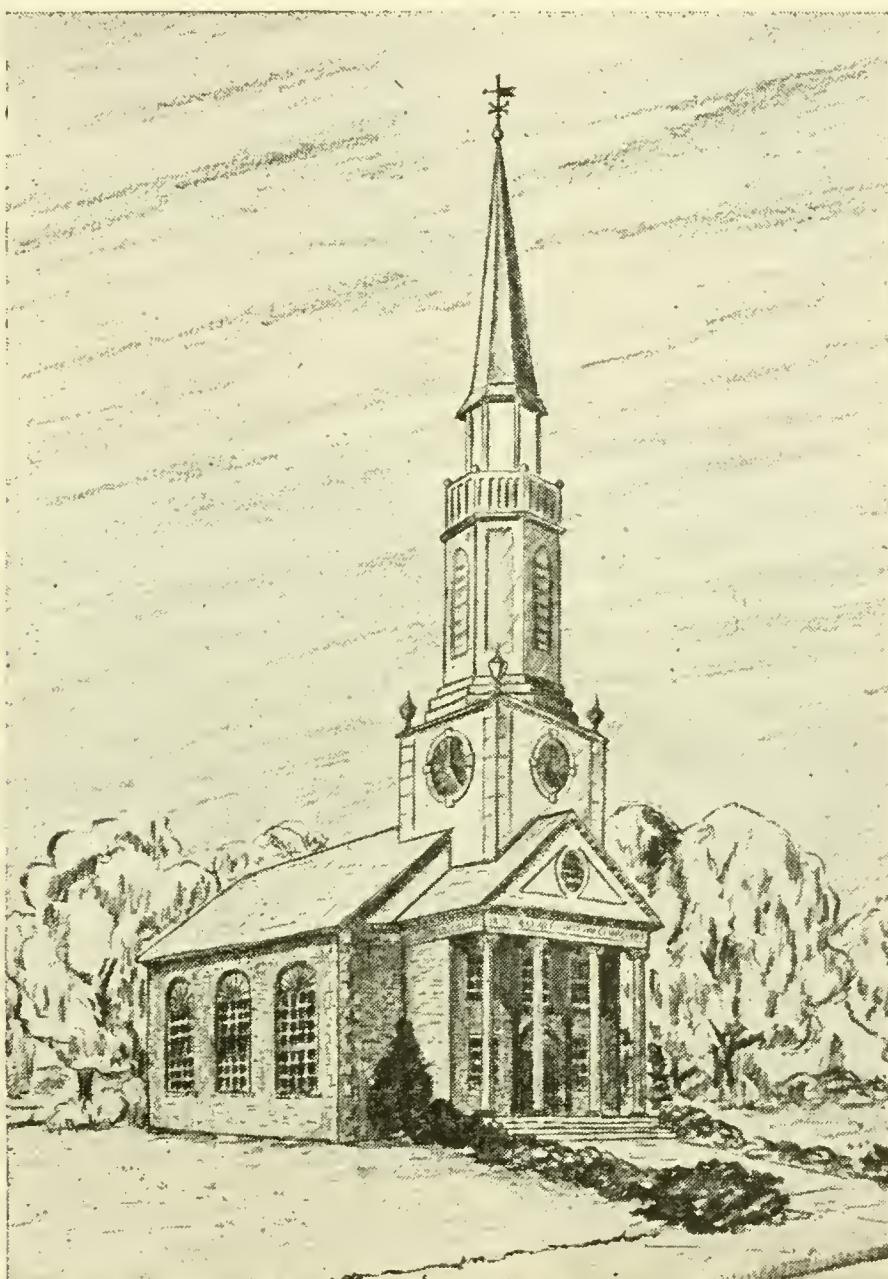


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Memorial Chapel Issue

Football Season Begins

Just after the school year started in September the 1946 football season was lined up. Previously our coach, Mr. Thomas, had selected the varsity squad, which numbers 22 players.

The other boys then became eligible to play intra-mural football in the Crosby league. One evening these teams were chosen and every boy in the school became a member of either the varsity squad or the Crosby league teams. Each of the teams in this league has varsity players as coaches. The captains are: William H. Manson (Holy Cross), Paul D. Keith (Army), Kenneth W. Duquet (Yale), and Paul Calloe (Navy).

In the Crosby league the first games were played on September 21. As there

are four teams two games are played each week. With one-third of the season completed Holy Cross and Navy are tied for first place, Yale is next, while the Army hasn't got started winning.

When this was written the varsity had played one game and won 13-7. Milton H. S. Sophomore's team came to the island on October 5. This game was very close and hard fought all the way, and all the points were scored on "breaks."

So far this season has been especially interesting and football will be the chief topic of conversation for some weeks to come. Scheduled games will be played until the middle of November. From then on we will play choose-up games until the weather closes the football season.

Wiley L. Bishop



The Main Building

School Work

School work has begun once more. This year I am in the freshman class, and my teachers are Dr. John B. Cook and Mr. Charles A. Tracy, Jr. The academic work which I take includes Algebra, English, and Ancient History. I also have Sloyd, which is a fine course that is liked by all the boys. My favorite subject is History, and I also like Algebra.

In our class we have a cabinet made up of Richard E. McPhee, President; D. Peter Finnegan, Vice President; William H. Manson, Secretary; and Paul W. Horton, Treasurer.

Some of the other classes have officers similar to ours, but not all classes have had their elections yet.

The Entertainment Committee of the freshman class is Howard E. Jennison, Chairman; J. Sheridan Higgins, Kenneth W. Duquet, William R. Bunting and Burleigh M. Pratt.

The 1946-47 academic year ought to be very successful for all of us.

D. Peter Finnegan

Calendar 90 Years Ago, September 1856

As kept by the Superintendent

26. This morning at nine o'clock the steamer Mayflower called at our wharf and took our boys and their officers to the city for the purpose of visiting the Fair and Franklin Statue. At the latter place they were received and addressed by the Mayor of Boston, Alexander H. Rice Esq. Three cheers were given for his Honor, and one of their favorite songs sung after which they visited the Fair and Quincy Market. They appeared so well that when they passed through the market, two friends, Harrison Bird and Benj. B. Davis, presented each boy with a nice apple. Arrived home about two o'clock, landing at the north end of the island.

New School Year

Our academic program got underway on September 11. We welcome Dr. John B. Cook back as principal, after an absence of a year and a half. He is assisted by Mr. Charles A. Tracy, Jr. Mrs. Gracia Fullum continues as teacher of the lower grades.

The student enrollment for the school year 1946-1947 includes the following new pupils:

Richard Pierce Allen
 John William Badger
 James Earl Barnett
 Thomas David Boufford
 Richard Gordon Burton
 Robert Edward Carpenter
 Hans Marius Christensen
 Robert William Clossen
 Edward Arthur Cox
 Robert McKeague Davenport
 Robert Thomas Fawcett
 Richard Arthur Gavin
 Henry Martyn Hall
 Robert Harold Hatch
 Vernon Richard Lincoln
 Lawrence Joseph McManus
 Karl Mills
 Ernest Leonard Parsons
 George Henry Tangen, Jr.
 Chester Edward Venable
 James Bernard Ward
 Samuel Brooks Whiting
 William Jack Williamson

Additional Alumni Notes

NORMAN F. MORSE, '85, whose home is in Hingham, Mass., and whose business address is 77 Summer Street, Boston, visited us recently.

Congratulations to Miss Lucy Rourke and GEORGE G. NOREN '02 who were married on June 15, 1946. They are at home at 103 Hemenway St., Boston.

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Statements about the Memorial Chapel

The people of this nation are grateful, and every community is giving thought to a memorial for the war heroes. May these memorials be of a useful nature, and carry the dignity of a divine achievement. Here at our School we are determined to honor our young men who paid the supreme sacrifice by building a chapel, a little church for our community and for others who may wish to come and worship with us. We are confident that this purpose will be rewarded as it deserves.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, Headmaster

A small gift expressly for the purpose forms the nucleus of the Chapel Fund, and the boys of the School, five hundred active alumni, and the trustees, request your support in providing the school with this Memorial Chapel. Since the School was founded in 1814, its religious training has been non-sectarian, and the building of this Chapel will in no way alter that program. Rather, it will strengthen the freedom from sectarian bias by being a memorial to those of every race, creed and color who gave their lives in the recent world war. We need your help to make this Memorial possible.

WILLIAM ALCOTT
For the Trustees

The building of a Memorial Chapel has struck a warm chord in the hearts of all the graduates and former pupils of our School. Twelve of our members paid with their lives in order that we should be spared the horrors of devastated countries. In memory of these, and indeed to the sons of others who died in the war, the vision of a beautiful Chapel on Thompson's Island is inspiring. The membership of our association must and will do its share in a financial way, that this vision may become a reality.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE
Secretary, Alumni Association

An Account of the Memorial to Our War Heroes

In tribute to those who died at sea during the recent world war, a Memorial Chapel is to be erected at The Farm and Trades School on Thompson's Island, Boston Harbor.

There, high on an island at the entrance to the Harbor and visible to all passing ships, it is to serve as a conspicuous landmark to the public while at the same time a much-needed place of worship for the boys at the School.

We are determined to honor our hero dead by building this dignified memorial. It will be a beautiful little church for our community and for others who may wish to come and worship with us.

Further significance is added by the navigation light-beacon to be installed in the steeple, making it at night a truly shining symbol of gratitude to those whose lives were sacrificed at sea.

The proposed Chapel is pictured on the front cover of this special issue. It is to be of brick and follows the simple New England tradition in the style of Charles Bulfinch, designer of the present main building over a century ago. This Chapel will truly be a valuable addition to the School.

In the vestry of this Chapel will be an honored shrine where a Memorial Volume will be placed. In this volume will be the names of those who sacrificed their lives in the last World War. You are invited to have a part in the erection of this spiritual symbol. Won't you send us the name of a loved one who lost his life in the war, so that it may be entered in this Memorial Volume?

The Chapel is dedicated to all who lost their lives for us in the service of our beloved country, of every race, creed and color.

When the proposed Memorial Chapel was first brought before the Building Committee the many inevitable problems were carefully considered, and plans made for the ultimate success of the project. The trustees of the School knew that their hopes were justified, because people everywhere wished success for the project. The Boston press carried enthusiastic articles.

It has been a policy of our School that man's first duty is to God, and that the proper religious experiences of a boy is his most valuable lifetime asset. Religious training of a non-sectarian nature has been given our boys since the inception of our School in 1814. This Memorial Chapel will be a vital factor in our religious work.

To meet the cost of the Chapel, which is \$100,000, The Farm and Trades School anticipates that its friends will want a part in meeting this financial need. It is hoped that many, many people will want the privilege of making a small donation towards this Memorial.

The trustees of the School look with confidence to the members of the Alumni Association also in reaching the goal. The graduates and former pupils of the School have always been tremendously loyal, and will do all in their power to further the interests of this dignified Memorial Chapel.

Mr. William B. Snow, Jr., is the treasurer of this fund. His address is The Suffolk Savings bank for Seamen and Others, 1 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass. All gifts towards this Memorial Chapel may be sent to him at the above address. If more convenient gifts may be addressed to him at The Farm and Trades School, Thompson's Island, Boston 4, Mass.

Editorial

Whatever the complexity of human events, when a group of people set out to raise five millions of dollars to establish new home schools for boys and girls in need of such facilities there is still great hope and practical certainty that we shall go on as a leading democracy with an abundance of human kindness.

It was this sort of spirit which prompted a group of Boston men to establish our school in 1814 and a similar movement to make our beginning on Thompson's Island in 1833.

The new Bay State Schools, five in number, for units of a hundred boys or a hundred girls, will provide the type of home and school and happy surroundings needed by youngsters who are not now able to have any kind of chance in their present surroundings.

It is interesting to note the trend of thought among leaders in the affairs of children. We and our predecessors in the management of our school have consistently believed and advocated that whenever for any reason the natural home of a child becomes inadequate a good home school is the next best solution for the child. In such a school the complete program of happy living is built around the child with trained leaders devoted to the complete development of every one of these young citizens. In this environment each boy and girl is one of the family and not just another "case." This type of home is not operated for the purpose of producing revenue for the owner. It is good that the leaders have advanced their thoughts and now seek to make this great Bay State Schools step in behalf of boys and girls. We wish they would make one more forward step by eliminating for all time the designation "case" when they refer to boys and girls.

It is interesting to note that at least two of the founders of the new Bay State Schools are close relatives of men who sponsored and nurtured our own school through its early days. These Bay State Schools founders are the noted architect and civic leader, William Roger Greeley, and the great humanitarian, Arthur T. Lyman. Mr. Greeley's uncle, Moses Grant, was instrumental in starting our school at Thompson's Island and continued as a leader in the work until his death in 1862. Mr. Lyman's great-great-grandfather, Theodore Lyman and his son Col. Theodore Lyman, devoted a total of thirty years to our school as president and in other official capacities.

Topics in Brief

Our 1946 football program has begun, and every boy in school is actively participating on one of the several teams. The varsity squad of 22 will play a series of six games with other high school elevens. The other boys are grouped in four teams comprising the Crosby league. Each of these teams will play nine games, and the championship eleven will be awarded the 1946 Crosby Shield, upon which is inscribed the names of the players on the team. Individual trophies are awarded the outstanding player in each position.

The laundry at our School is taken care of in our own steam laundry, which is equipped with modern washers, dryer, extractor and flatwork ironer. An average of 5000 pieces weekly is handled in our laundry and the training received by the boys in this department has been of a very permanent value. Besides learning to do their own work, many of our boys have earned a livelihood by utilizing this training, and some of our graduates hold excellent positions in large commercial laundry plants.

Weekly Assemblies began on September 16. These are held during the academic year, on Monday evenings. At these meetings there is singing, followed by a program presented by one of the classes. The Band plays a short concert and the headmaster makes announcements for the coming week.

Labor Day was observed by the boys by a program of sports, followed in the evening by a beach supper and a moving picture show. The boys enjoyed one of the new Joe E. Brown comedies.

Many of our graduates who have become inactivated from service with the fighting forces have visited us during the past few weeks. It is a pleasure to once again greet these young men, and to wish them Godspeed as they once again take up the duties of civilian pursuits.

The boys enjoyed plenty of swimming during the month, and the weather was ideal for water sports. We have excellent swimming facilities, and most of the boys are not only good swimmers but consider water sports as their favorites. More than

a third of our students have passed the Red Cross course in Life Saving and Water Safety.

Grew Garden Prizes

Fifty-eight years ago Mr. Henry S. Grew began giving cash prizes for excellence in flower-gardening. After his death his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, continued giving them. This year the prizes were awarded the following:

1. Howard E. Jennison
2. James L. Angelos
3. Richard E. McPhee
4. Stephen J. Zevitas
5. Paul W. Horton
6. Wiley L. Bishop
7. Nelson W. Stearns
8. Albert C. and Walter C. Roberts
9. Theodore L. Jones
10. Edwin W. Gray

Honorable Mention

11. Ernest D. Cornish
- Harold W. Hill
12. David W. Simmons
- Donald S. Duquet
13. J. Lowell and Paul D. Keith



F. T. S. boys enjoy the hobby of building model aircraft

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The members of the Alumni Association are very much interested in the ultimate success of the Memorial Chapel project. A few instances, where members have greatly furthered the cause of this Memorial to our war dead, are related below.

WILLIAM ALCOTT '84, former City Editor and at present Librarian of the Boston Globe received a note from a man who formerly had been a pupil in a Sunday School class of which Mr. Alcott was the teacher. With this note was a substantial check for the Chapel Fund. The donor had read news of the Chapel in the daily press. This is but one instance of help given the Fund by Mr. Alcott. He is a Trustee of the School, and a member of the Chapel Committee.

RANDOLPH S. ENGLISH, '37, has enthusiastically advanced our Chapel cause, and has sent to the School for literature so that he may interest more and more people in F. T. S.

A. BELDEN GILBERT, '16, has lived in California for years. Upon hearing of our Chapel Fund he at once sent a most welcome gift, together with a warm note expressing best wishes.

WESTON O. PAGE, '38, spent 27 long months in the Aleutians during the last World War. Since his return he has taken an active interest in his alma mater once again. Besides contributing personally to the Chapel Fund, he has interested others in so doing.

JACK HOBSON '27 has contributed to the Chapel Fund. He, it will be remembered, made a gallant comeback, after a long siege with a serious illness. Now he is engaged in the jewelry manufacturing trade, is married, and has a fine home.

HERBERT P. STEARNS, '43 has interested many of his friends in our Memorial Chapel and his interest and help is appreciated.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, Jr., '37, who not so long ago was a sergeant in the armed forces is attending Middlebury College. He has sent a generous check for the Memorial Chapel fund.

THOMAS E. KILLEEN, '34, has shown a great desire to be of assistance to his alma mater by sending his contribution to the Memorial chapel fund. He is always eager to be a part of every progressive step taken by our School.

FRANK W. WALLACE, '81 has contributed to the Chapel Fund. He graduated 65 years ago, and yet is as interested as ever in the welfare of our beloved School.

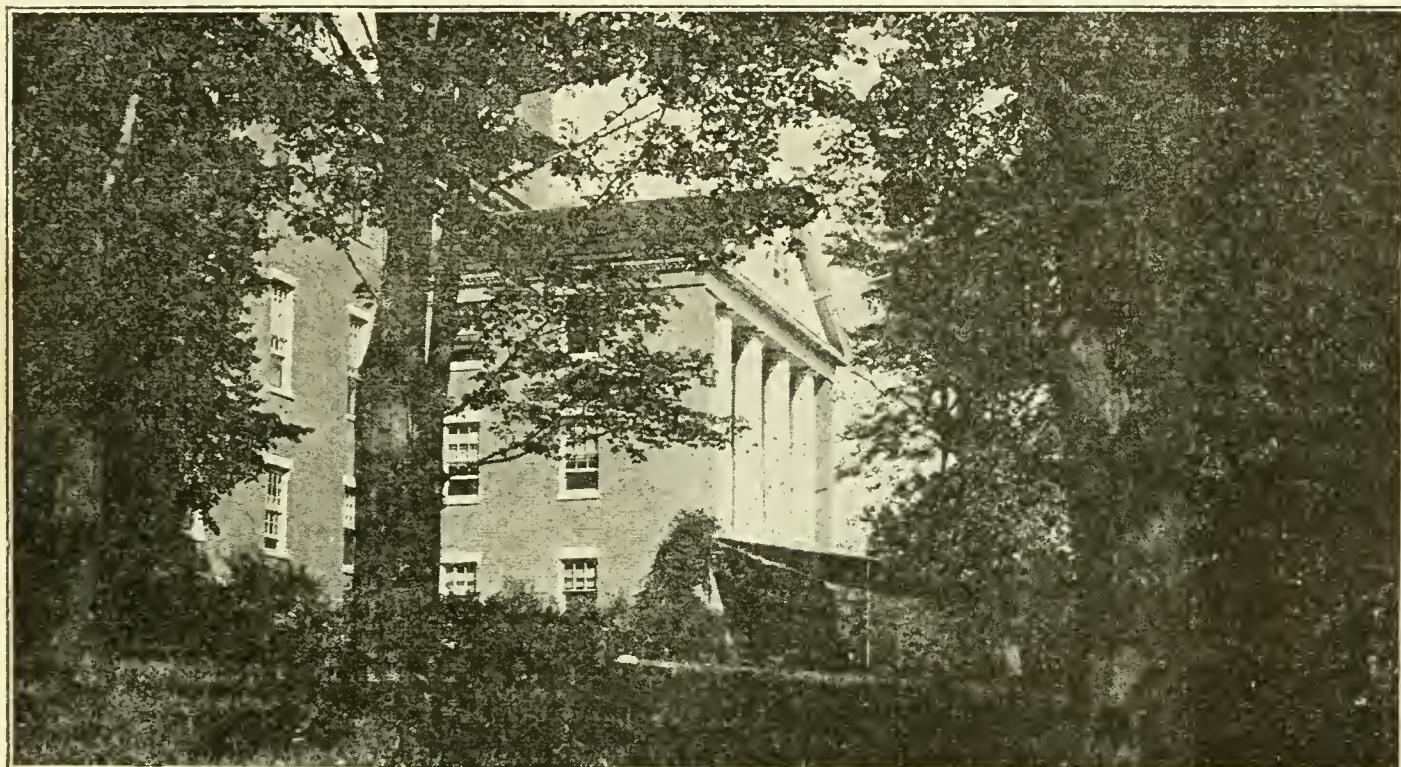
Heartwarming indeed is the fact that some gifts to the Chapel Fund are received from mothers or widows of former pupils. Their appreciation of what we are doing on Thompson's Island is gratifying to the Alumni Association, and to the School.

Graduates and former students: Have you done YOUR part for the Chapel?



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The Main Building

The Bulfinch front main building was erected in the years 1832-33. For one hundred and thirteen years it has been the focal point of the life of our School.

Until the erection of the Hayden buildings in 1941 large dormitories on the third floor of this building housed our boys. Two years previous to this, in 1939, with the erection of Bowditch House all our dining room and kitchen facilities

were moved from the Main Building.

Although the housing for the boys and many of the instructors is now in the new dormitories, and the dining room and kitchen have been moved from this building all other purposes for which the building has been used are maintained. The original Chapel hall remains essentially as it has for years, with the oil portraits of the distinguished gentlemen who helped our school through many decades hanging

at the front of the room. Here are held church services, assemblies, class parties, movies, and all our other events which call for a general assembly.

The School offices are located in this Main Building, in the rooms formerly designated as the headmaster's apartment. The sewing room, office storeroom and general storage lofts still serve the purpose for which they have been used for decades.

Some may wonder what we do with all our available room, since we have had our new buildings. The answer is that there is always need for space, and it would not be surprising if this grand old building were gradually brought to serve more and more useful purposes, for there are many, many uses for which spare room in this building is admirably suited.

To Our New Subscribers

A number of new subscriptions start with this issue. We welcome these new readers, and thank them for their interest.

Minor Sports and Games

Much is written in the BEACON about baseball, football, tennis and basketball, and it is well and natural that these major sports be emphasized. But there are many minor sports which are played by the boys, and which are enjoyed in season.

Volleyball is played in the late summer and early fall, and a court adjacent to the dormitories was set up this year. At times this took attention and devotees from baseball, such was its popularity. It is said that volleyball is the most widely played game in the world, and this may be so, for it certainly offers much in the form of recreation.

Pitching horseshoes, or "barnyard golf", is fascinating and entertaining to almost everyone. Skill, combined with an element of luck or chance, makes it an almost perfect individual game.

Softball is not comparable to baseball in the minds of many, but it is by far the leader in minor sports at our School, and



Pitching Horseshoes

seldom is it that a game is not in progress. In recent years we have developed the game here so organized leagues have played rather lengthy schedules.

Many recess and playground games help make recreation worth-while. Such activities as dodgeball, punch soccer and other group ball games are widely enjoyed, especially in the game periods of the Scout troop.

Our Hallowe'en Party

Hallowe'en is celebrated at our school with a party and entertainment, and this year we had an exceptionally good time.

At quarter of six we began assembling around the gymnasium, and soon the door was opened and we went in. We first had a buffet supper consisting of apples, sandwiches, doughnuts, pie, cider, and other good Hallowe'en food.

After supper there were stunts and games. Prizes of peanuts and apples were given all the winners. For games we had ducking for apples, darts, flying apples, peanut race; also fortune telling, donkey's tail and many other fun and party games.

The most novel and interesting of all

the stunts and games was the fortune telling. One of the instructors did this with cards. My fortune forecast was that I would have some good friends, some unhappiness, but all in all a pleasant life.

One of the stunts was to guess the number of beans in a large jar. Another good one was to identify advertisements from pictures.

After the games and stunts there was an entertainment, in which many of the boys took part. I thought that the best one was the grindstone act put on by Robert Davenport and William Manson. Paul Keith did a mimic act of a baby which everyone liked. He was assisted by William Kellaway and Robert Dickson. There were many other enjoyable acts on the program.

The party lasted until a little after nine o'clock, and we all agreed that we had had three hours of fun, pleasure and laughs.

I'm sure that all of the boys wish me to thank the instructors, who gave us all such a good party.

D. Peter Finnegan



Boys with a team of farm horses

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We are strongly Republican and we are firmly of the belief that the recent sweep of the Republican Party will produce favorable results. We believe the change will stimulate production of much needed commodities and will hasten the economic adjustment, to the benefit of the people.

However, there are many who feel that the change is not good. It is obvious from the election that this group of people is in the minority. The other day a good and successful business executive said the only thing he could see good in the Republican program was the plan to limit the Presidency to eight years.

The whole matter of national and world policies is complicated and comes down to the individual. The strong tendency is to view matters in accordance with the probable, immediate advantage to "self."

Briefly, the many complex problems come back to each of us. Are we selfish or are we willing to help promote the things which will be of greatest benefit to the greatest number of people? Education should help us to be broad and tolerant and unselfish. Too much emphasis on learning "how to get a living" tends toward an overbalanced, selfish view of life. We should thank God every day for our many blessings and strive with all our talents to do the thing which will be most helpful to others.

Topics in Brief

It was our pleasure to have a magical entertainment by Malcolm E. Cameron

on October 17. This is an annual treat supplied by Mr. Cameron, and one which is thoroughly and completely enjoyed. Mr. Cameron had his usual assortment of tricks, humorous and mystifying. The fun of the show is the thing with Mr. Cameron, and he certainly supplies a pleasant evening. As usual, Mrs. Cameron assisted with the program. Mr. Edwards, who does a Chinese magical act, also furnished a good part of the entertainment. We are greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, and Mr. Edwards for coming to us with this most wholesome and fine entertainment.

Football was certainly a popular sport during the month. The four teams comprising the Crosby league continued on their schedule, and no team was able to completely outplay the others. Each of these teams will play a nine game schedule. The Varsity won and lost two games defeating Milton H. S. Sophs and Hingham H. S. Freshmen, while losing to Kingston and Cohasset High Schools.

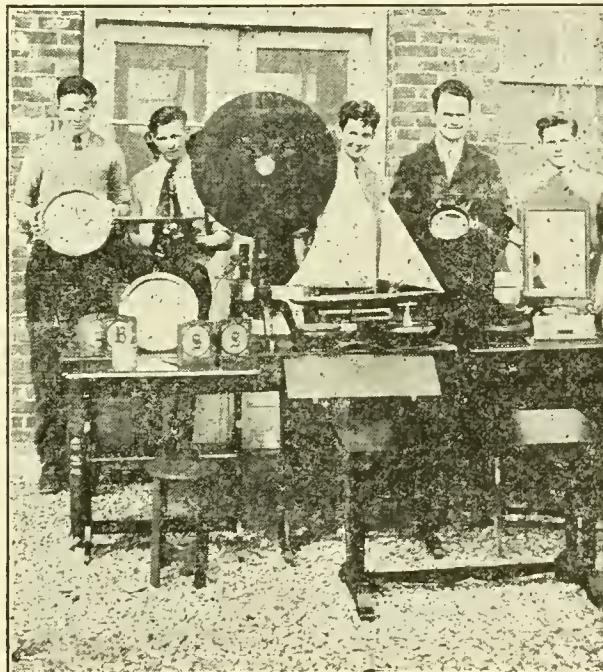
The School band has been since 1857 an important part of the School, and everyone who knows of the School is interested in the work of the band. Our Bandmaster, Captain Frank L. Warren, is enthused over the possibilities which our group shows this year, and is rehearsing the boys regularly on Friday evenings. We hope to have our Faneuil Hall concert next April, as we have annually for many years. We also look forward to participation in the school music festivals next Spring. Our boys have enjoyed these festivals since we first attended them twenty or so years ago.

Columbus Day was observed by two football games, with a motion picture entertainment in the evening.

The Scout troop has received its special ten year veteran Charter, and the registration for the troop for its new year became effective on October 31. The Scoutmaster is Clifton E. Albee, and the Chairman of the Troop Committee is Dr. John B. Cook. The two other members of the Troop Committee are Robert R. Kitching and Charles A. Tracy, Jr. All of the leaders are instructors at the School. There are thirty boys in the troop.

A group of the boys had the pleasure of attending a performance of "The Student Prince" in Boston recently. This wonderful operetta has long been a favorite, and it was much appreciated.

A shipment of coal was delivered to the School during the month. It was trucked to an area convenient to our Power House building. Formerly our coal was stored near the wharf.



Boys with Sloyd Models

Sloyd was first introduced in this country here in 1891. Our boys become intensely interested in the work, and with many it becomes a lifetime hobby.

Hallowe'en, the evening of real fun, mirth and feasting, had its customary observance on October 31. A party, which lasted three hours, took place in the gymnasium, and as usual, it will be long remembered as a happy one. Our Hallowe'en parties have for many years been planned and staged by a group of instructors' committees, and are eagerly anticipated by the boys.



At a party fun's the thing

We enjoyed a showing of a moving picture entitled "Timber is a Crop" on the evening of Nov. 22. This film was in color, and taken in and near Berlin, N. H. It portrayed the value of the woodlot to the farmer of today, and the importance of timber to other industries. We thank Mr. Dooley of the Jamaica Plain High School for arranging the showing of this picture.

We often project educational films and they are always worth-while.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, October 1856 As kept by the Superintendent

2. Mr. Daniel went to the city to attend the funeral of his much beloved aunt, Mrs. Schwartz, daughter of Dea. Grant.

7. Superintendent went to the city to get some supplies for the house. Had

a hard time with head wind and tide both ways.

8. Commenced digging potatoes with 22 boys. Potatoes light but sound.

9. Were to pass a portion of the afternoon with our neighbors at the Castle but were prevented by the illness of Mrs. Morse.

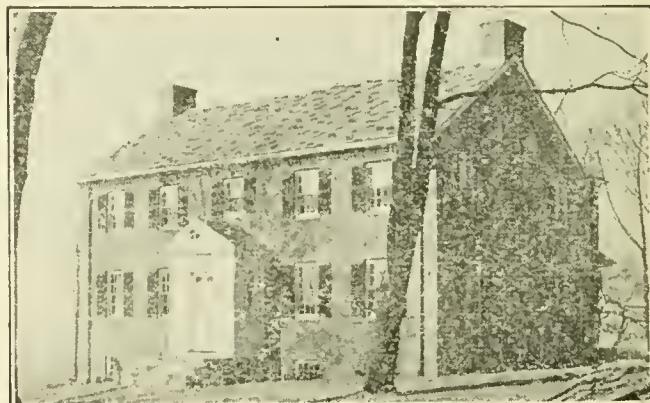
16. Mrs. Morse and myself visited the Blind Asylum.

21. Went to the city to get supplies. Bought one Uffords lamp for the teacher.

25. William Church, Benjamin Dennis and Chas. M. Plummer, all left the institution to go to live with Mr. Joseph McCarthy - at Woburn Watering Place Depot, Woburn, Mass. - who is a glass cutter and farmer - an excellent place.

27. Went to city to see about new range and furnace.

28. This was the last day in which the parents and friends of the boys could be allowed to visit the school in a body. A very large number were present and we had a very pleasant time. All appeared well pleased. Of the Board of Managers there were present: Dea. Grant, Messrs. Gould, Kuhn, Bird, Perkins and Bacon. Mr. Turner of the firm of Moses Pond & Co. was present to consult in regard to a furnace, etc.



Campus Scene—Adams House

Alumni News

It was a great thrill to have a visit from JOHN DUNN, '39 recently. He is still in Naval service, but awaiting his discharge papers, which he will receive very soon. He was in a Naval hospital for a solid year, recovering from serious injuries received while on duty. Although not yet in absolutely perfect health he says he is on that happy road. He certainly appeared so. His address is 29 Lincoln St., Hingham, Mass.

We report with pleasure the marriage of Miss Irene Adams of Medford to Mr. Murdock C. Moore, '39 at St. Francis of the Assessi Church, on October 26 at 9:00 A. M. Following the wedding ceremony breakfast was served at the Parker House, after which the wedding party posed for photographs. The newlyweds then left for a honeymoon trip in Canada.

Mr. Moore served as a radio officer in the Merchant Marine during the war, and following this he returned to his work in a Boston printing office. He has taken work in a Toledo, Ohio, printing office and the couple will make their home there.

A phone call on November 22 announced the happy news that William J. Klaila, '41, became the proud daddy of a bouncing seven pound three ounce daughter on that day.

DONALD L. DAVIS, '42, announces a new arrival, Donald Richard, on Nov. 16, 1946. The proud parents live at 794 Pearl St., Brockton, Mass.

Our California Alumni

Graduates of our School are located in twenty-four states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Cuba and the Canal Zone. Outside of Massachusetts, the state with the largest representation is New Hampshire, with 22 of our graduates.

In California we have ten former F. T. S. boys. Seven of these live in Los Angeles and its suburbs. This article may serve to introduce these men one to the other.

A. BELDEN GILBERT, '16 has for some time been the Executive Secretary of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association of California. Previous to this he was engaged in publicity work, chiefly for movie stars and film production concerns. During World War I he was one of the youngest soldiers in France, and had the honor of entertaining two presidents, Wilson and Taft, as an army musician. Last June he was a candidate for Governor of California, and although not elected, his campaign greatly aided in saving California from being over-powered by labor and political machines. His address is 649 So. Olive St., Los Angeles, California.

ROLLINS A. FURBISH, '18 is engaged in the insurance business in Los Angeles. His address is 724 So. Spring Street, that city. After leaving F. T. S. he attended Colby Academy and later Middlebury College, and graduated from both schools. He was an outstanding athlete and captained the Middlebury football team in 1927.

L.T. RUSSELL B. GARFIELD, '36, is the proud father of a daughter, born on October 31, 1946. A real Hallowe'en present, Gail Louise weighed six pounds and five ounces upon arrival. Lt. and Mrs. Garfield make their home at 422 Everest St., Chabot Ter., Vallejo, Cal.

A. ROBERT HALLBERG, '40, lives at 1723 W. 55th Street in Los Angelos. In the Naval service during the war, he married and likes California and is a proud booster of the land of paradise. He became a daddy last May 3, the youngster being John Eric Hallberg.

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ROBERT G. RYERSON, '40, school pal of Bob Hallberg, noted above, is in the armed forces, although he may by now be nearing the end of his selective service term. His home address is 1710 West 6th St., Los Angeles. It was a real pleasure to have him visit Thompson's Island recently while he was on furlough.

WALTER J. TRENHOLM attended school at Liversidge. When Liversidge became merged with our school a few years ago the former students of that school were invited to join our Alumni Association. Mr. Trenholm has warm and sincere appreciation of Liversidge, and recalls vividly his school days there. We welcome him to fellowship in our group, along with other Liversidge men.

He has had a varied career, being engaged in the lumber industry in Central America, Assistant Cashier of the "Los Angeles Times", Assistant Claim Agent of the Los Angeles Pacific Railway, and Southern California Manager for a San Francisco cement company. He later became connected with brokerage houses. For the past eighteen years he has been Sales Manager for a large canned goods manufacturer. His home is at 221 Columbia Ave., Los Angeles.

A recent convert to the sunny clime of California is WILLIAM B. CROSS, '17, who is living at Costa Mesa. He is a retired Naval Bandmaster, extremely interested in everything pertaining to F. T. S., even though distance will now necessitate his "visiting" by correspondence. Mr. Cross and his family were assisted in locating in California by A. Belden Gilbert.

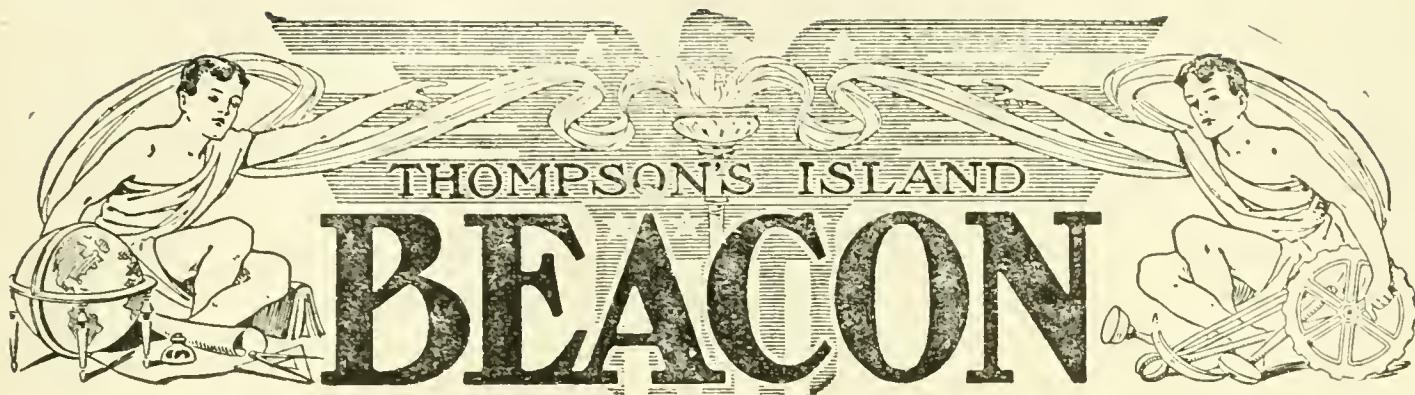
We'll miss Mr. Cross at our Alumni gatherings, and we wish for him happiness aplenty in his new home.

HAROLD K. MALMGREN, '39, is located in Santa Ana, California, and lives at the Y. M. C. A. there. He is employed by a jewelry concern as a watchmaker. He visited us during the summer, when he was in New England on a vacation.

WILLIAM A. HORSFALL, '96, has been in California for years, and is engaged in the plumbing business in San Francisco. Although we have not seen him for a long period, we hear from him often and he is always a subscriber to any good work our association attempts. His great interest has always been the preservation of Nature's wonders, and he has served on the board of directors for conservation groups. His address is 95 Pope St., San Francisco.

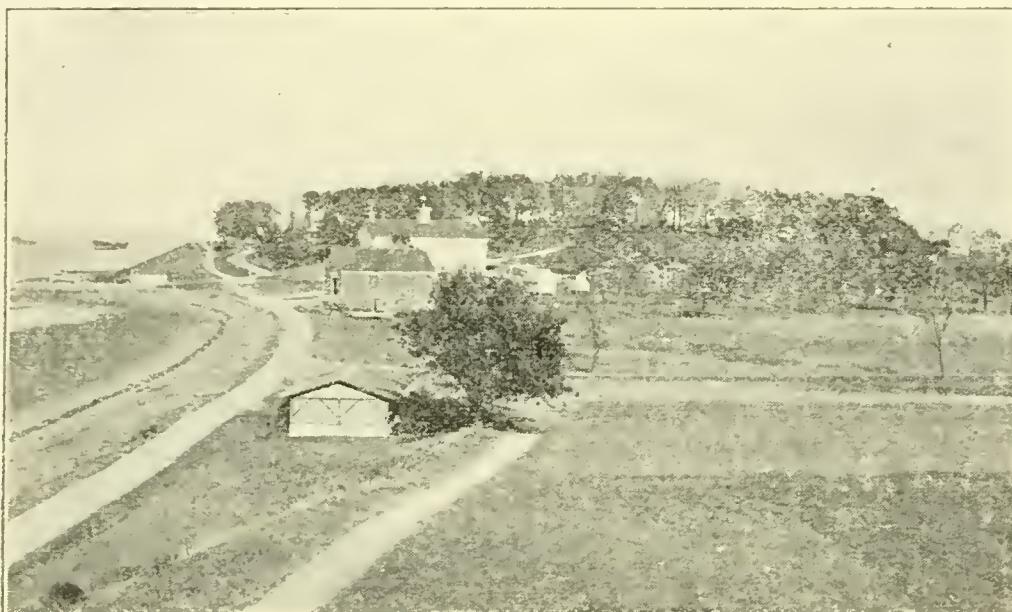
HENRY E. HALLMAN, '31 has lived at 4 Rutland Ave., San Jose, California, since leaving the School 15 years ago. He was in the armed forces during the past war. We are looking for a letter from him to bring us up-to-date.

We in the East say "Hello" to our members in California. It is an interesting fact that Los Angeles and its suburbs have seven of our graduates making their homes there. Perhaps these former F. T. S. lads might plan an evening together. The younger members have some excellent Thompson's Island photo collections over which a happy evening could be spent. Perhaps there might even be a Los Angeles F. T. S. Alumni Club formed.



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Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day was eagerly anticipated as it is every year. Two football games were scheduled, and the great noonday meal was looked forward to by everyone.

At 9:30 in the morning the first football game started. The captains were Lauriston Crockett, Navy; and Malcolm Wiley, Army. This was a good game, played between the smaller boys, and some of the players showed real ability.

Navy won 13 to 7 and was the better team.

Just before noon the boys gathered at Bowditch House and soon were in the dining room ready for the traditional feast. Each table was graced with a large turkey, roasted to a golden brown. First Stephen Zevitas read the Proclamation, written by Honorable Maurice J. Tobin, Governor of the Commonwealth. Then we repeated our School Grace in unison.

It wasn't long before each of us was served and we began enjoying as nice a

turkey dinner as we could want. The menu included turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, squash, mashed potato, onions, cranberry jelly, celery, apples, raisins, nuts and cider. For dessert we had mince pie and squash pie.

In the afternoon the important football game between the older boys was played. Harold Lowery was captain of Harvard, and Richard McPhee, Yale. After the game was underway a short time it was evident that Yale was not equal to Harvard. Two costly fumbles cost Harvard more scoring chances, and kept Yale within striking distance of a victory. But Yale was held scoreless, and Harvard won 9 - 0.

For supper we had oyster stew and a crisp tomato salad. There wasn't any definite evening program, for which most of the boys were glad. Many spent the time listening to favorite radio programs, while others were glad to go to bed early.

It was a wonderful day, one never to be forgotten by the boys of F. T. S.

Wiley L. Bishop

The Clarinet

The clarinet is a very important wind instrument in all bands and orchestras. It was invented at Nuremburg about the year 1690 by a man who cared a great deal for music, John Christopher Dinner.

When it was invented the clarinet was a very imperfect instrument. It had only one key, and not many musicians paid attention to it. Some composers and artists though, were impressed by the tone of the instrument and gradually it was improved so that it had five keyes instead of one key.

Many years later Van Muller, a young man who had an inventive mind, equipped this instrument with thirteen keys and it became possible for composers to employ it in their compositions. Slowly it began taking its place in orchestras, large and small.

Today this instrument is regarded as the leader of the woodwinds, and is heard in all kinds of bands and orchestras. The best composers have written great music for it, and the most famous compositions



Fun on the Beach

depend on this instrument for some of the finest musical effects.

I have been playing the clarinet for a little over a year now, and I like the instrument very much. More boys ought to learn to play the clarinet, I think.

Theodore L. Jones

A Trip Aboard the "Oregon City"

Last week Burleigh Pratt, Theodore Jones and I were invited to go aboard the cruiser "Oregon City" with my father, who is a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

We left the School at one o'clock and soon were at the Navy Yard. On our way to the "Oregon City" we saw many kinds of ships, including a battleship, aircraft carriers, and smaller types of naval craft.

Our trip to my father's ship was made by a Navy car from the gates of the yard, and when we got to the "Oregon City" we were surprised that the ship was so big. When we started up the gangplank it seemed that we were climbing a long ladder.

The first thing we did after we got aboard was to leave our coats in my father's stateroom. Then we went on the bridge, and saw the electrical steering apparatus and radar antennas. When we looked down from the bridge we almost got airsick, it was so far down to the water line.

We next visited the main deck and saw the guns, and we were very much interested in these. There were three main turrets, each with three five inch guns. There were other kinds of guns too, such as the anti-aircraft types. It seemed as though we were walking between guns, and around them, for quite a while. No wonder we won the war!

Then we went into the engine room, where there were so many machines and

instruments that I couldn't count them. Here was located the water purifying tank. Ocean water is pumped into a large tank and purified. We saw the huge propeller shafts and engines.

We left the engine room and went to the magazine room where all the ammunition is kept. Then it was time for supper so we went to the officers' dining room where we had a very tasty supper.

The last thing we did was to go to the movies aboard ship, and the name of the picture was "The Country Fair." After the movies we left the Navy Yard and arrived at City Point about ten o'clock.

I am sure that the other boys will agree with me that the day aboard the "Oregon City" was one which we shall never forget.

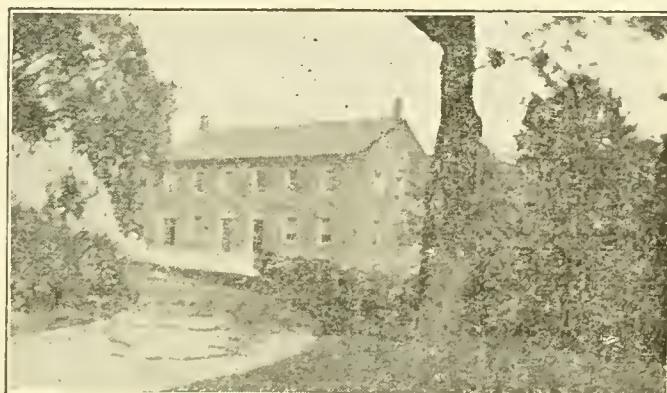
Thurmond Hood, Jr.

The Freshman Class Program

On Monday November 25, the freshman class gave a Thanksgiving program at their Assembly. The program was opened with a selection "Our Native Land", by the class brass quartet. The players were Richard McPhee and Burleigh Pratt trombones, and Sheridan Higgins and Peter Finnegan, trumpets.

Nelson P. Stearns followed with a Thanksgiving poem which he read very well. Then Lauriston Crockett read the

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As we approach the Christmas season we think especially about its meaning and about the great possibilities of happiness and the enjoyment of all people in this world of plenty if the Christian way of life would really be adopted by the multitudes of people.

Christmas is a beautiful season and it is a time when we concentrate upon giving. We are immensely happy when we can give good things, presents, cards, happy thoughts to those we love and to those who might otherwise have no Christmas. We are thinking for weeks what we can give to make others happy. Then we give, oft times 'til it hurts. That is, we dig deep into our purses so that we can express our love to others. We are thinking little about what we may get. We are really expecting very little if anything. We probably haven't even thought about what we will get but we are concentrating upon what we are going to give, and to whom.

Then Christmas comes, a white Christmas we hope, the church bells ring out the glad tidings, the carolers send forth with joyous voice, Santa appears with his traditional ceremony and great deep chuckles, gay lights, the Christmas tree, all the pretty tinsel and wrappings, "A Merry Christmas" to all! What a happiness spreads o'er the land on that day, the day of the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Why can't we have the Christmas spirit and the same attitude, the same Christian living every day of the year?

Topics in Brief

Thanksgiving Day was observed at the School with traditional style. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving we heard an excellent sermon on the origin of the day, and the reasons we had for observing it

during this present year. When the holiday arrived the younger boys played football, and the Navy, captained by Lauriston Crockett won over the Army, led by Malcolm Wiley 13-7. At noon we enjoyed the traditional feast of roast turkey and later another fooball game was played, this time between the older boys. Harvard, Harold Lowery captain, defeated Yale, Richard E. McPhee, captain, 9-0.

At their assembly this month the Sophomores presented a spelling bee, and such was the success of this program that we may expect more of the same. It is hoped that the number of contestants can be enlarged to include students from all the classes. Leonard N. Lapham, class president was in charge and Wallace Fitt timekeeper.

The Freshman class presented a Thanksgiving Day program on Nov. 25, at which time several readings were given including the Proclamation of Governor Tobin. Musical selections were played by the class brass quartet.

Armistice Day was celebrated by two football games, with a special moving picture show in the evening. The weather was ideal, a typical New England autumn day.

The Crosby League has completed its football schedule for the 1946 season, and the Shield was won by the "Yale" team, captained by Kenneth W. Duquet. A seventeen game schedule was played, and so even was the competition that none of the four teams in the league was able to decisively defeat the others. Incidentally the Boston Herald on Nov. 20, printed an exllent article written by Ralph

Wheeler pertaining to our football program.

Our two hydrants have been replaced, the installation of new ones being made on November 15.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed on November 22, when we showed some very old, and some not too old, lantern slides of the School. It was a thrill to see some of the old faces of boys who, although now in manhood, were when the pictures were taken enjoying the advantage and pleasures of boyhood on Thompson's Island. Among the older stereopticon slides projected was one including everyone on the Island in 1891. This picture, remarkably clear, was taken in front of the main building.

Varsity Football 1946

October 5. Milton H. S. Sophs 7, F. T. S. 13.

October 12. Cohasset H. S. 13, F. T. S. 0.

October 19. Hingham J. V. 6, F. T. S. 12.

October 26. Kingston H. S. 14, F. T. S. 7.

November 2. Braintree H. S. Fresh 0, F. T. S. 13.

November 9. Weymouth Fresh 7, F. T. S. 20.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, November 1856 As kept by the Superintendent

4. To-day the people of the United States vote for a President to rule the destinies of our great and beloved country for the next four years. May they succeed in electing one who will devote himself to best interests in the Nation.

5. An exceedingly rough day. Started in morning to go to City Point for

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WILLIAM B. CROSS, '17, we noted in our last issue, has gone into business in California after retiring from the Navy with nearly 30 years service. He has become settled in the "land of paradise", and his home address is: Route 2, Box 258A, Costa Mesa, California.

JAMES R. LANGTON, '39, has, we expect, received his discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps. He distinguished himself in the war against the Japanese, being a member of the first raiders on Guadalcanal. Tropical diseases caused his confinement to a hospital for some time, but he is now on the road to good health.

HOWARD B. ELLIS, '98 left Boston on Sept. 21 for a three week tour with a musical organization. The route included Chicago, St. Paul, through N. Dakota to the Canadian border, then through the Rockies to Vancouver. The group traveled Pullman all the way, with special cars from Chicago. Mr. Ellis had an opportunity to visit his boyhood home in Blaine, Washington. Four days were spent in San Francisco, and here visiting was enjoyed with friends, some old and some new. Hollywood was visited. On the return trip the most impressive sight was the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Kansas City was visited, and then Chicago and finally back home to Boston.

Mr. Ellis has been known for nearly fifty years as an excellent cornetist, and he directed our band for a number of years. He has never made a profession of music, but has enjoyed playing whenever he could find time from his roofing business. His home address is 349

Canton Avenue, Milton, Massachusetts.

CHARLES F. AVERILL, '37, is employed in the Engineering Department of the Grinnell Company in Providence. This concern is one of the largest manufacturers of automatic sprinkler systems for fire protection in the country. The work of the Engineering Department is to design each installation, as every building presents its own problems. At this time Mr. Averill is working on installations for buildings where volatile chemicals are stored.

He has been married for seven months, is tremendously happy and enthusiastic, and has been fortunate in meeting the housing shortage successfully. His address is 80 Charlesfield St., Providence, R. I.

EDWARD E. ANDREW, '35 is settled in civilian life, after having received his discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps. He was one of that gallant band on Iwo Jima in the battles in February and March, 1945. He is now employed at the Champion Lamp Co., in Lynn, Mass. and lives at 126 Conant Road, Melrose 76, Mass. Music is his favorite hobby, and he has been busy playing tuba in a Boston band.

Congratulations to Mr. Andrew on the recent addition to his family, Joyce Margaret having arrived on November 22. He has two other lovely daughters, Alice Elizabeth, nearly five and Janet Doris, going on three.

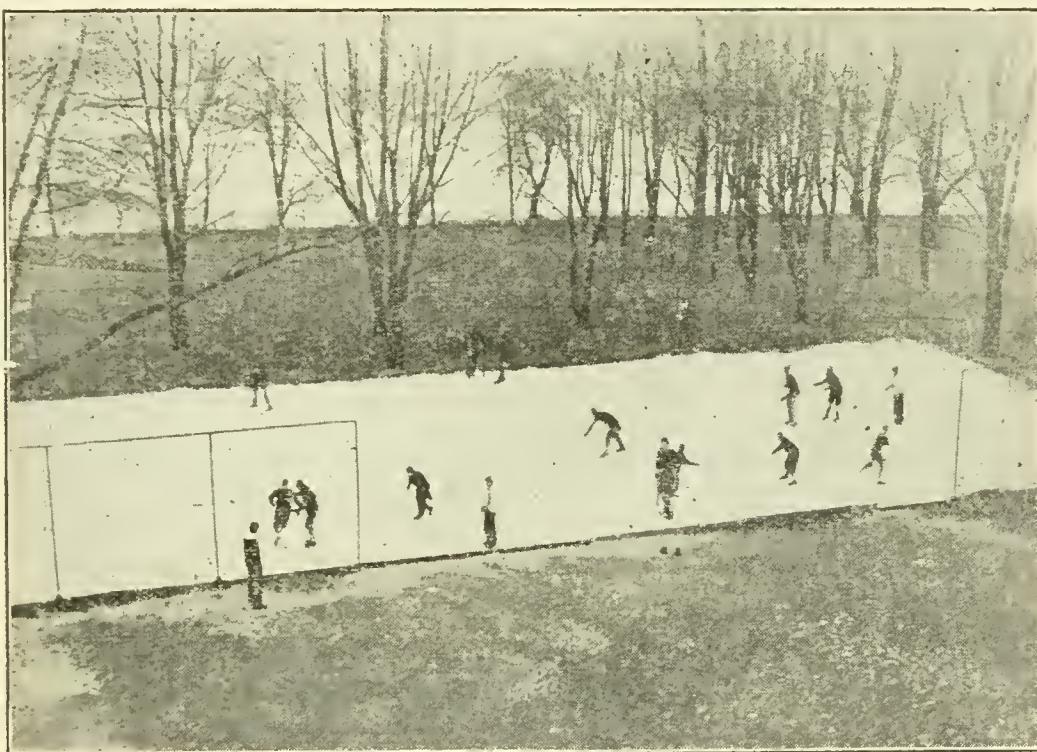
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Skating

Winter Sports

Our boys are fortunate in being able to enjoy all kinds of winter sports. All they ask for is plenty of snow and ice. Skating is very popular, and the island marshes are flooded to provide plenty of area for this sport. Hockey games are a natural result, and many are played although we do not maintain a regular schedule in the sport.

Coasting is probably the best liked of

all the winter sports, and the boys never seem to tire of it. A slide from the main building to the boat landing gives quite a thrill. Skiing has its devotees, and these boys make every use of the slopes which extend from the dormitories.

The winter sports program is climaxed on Washington's Birthday by the time-honored snow battle, and this event is ever one of the high spots of the memories of F.T.S. boys.

Band Rehearsal

For the past few weeks we have had different kinds of band rehearsals than we usually have. This is to give special help to about twenty beginners. One of the beginners sits with an advanced player. We first played through a very easy book, and then we began a harder set. We hope that all of the beginners will get good experience in playing through these rehearsals. About sixty boys come for these rehearsals.

Our bandmaster, Captain Frank L. Warren, comes once each week and rehearses the boys who are full fledged members of the band. The beginners hope that very soon that they will be admitted into the band.

We hope to have a very fine school band by the time spring arrives. We look forward to attending the music festivals. Those who were in the band last year know what fun the festivals are, and the beginners are anxious to discover for themselves.

D. Peter Finnegan

The Afternoon Dining Room

The afternoon dining room boys start their work at 12:30 right after the dinner meal is over. First we clear off the dishes and bring them to the serving room to be washed. After this we wash the tables and sweep the floor. Then as soon as the dishes are washed, we set the tables for supper. After we have this done it is about 2:00 and we are dismissed until 5:30.

At 5:30 we report back to the dining room to help put the food on for supper. At 6:00 we eat supper with the rest of the boys. At 6:30 we perform the same operation as we did after dinner and we are usually through about 7:45. This is a typical day for the afternoon dining room boys.

John W. Badger

Basketball

On January 5 all of the boys were called to the assembly hall to pick the basketball captains. The School is divided into two leagues, the Sears league and the nut league. The Sears league is composed of four teams. These teams are for the most part the older boys. The teams in this league are named for animals and the captains are as follows: Sheridan Higgins, Lions; Wallace Fitt, Wolverines; Harold Lowery, Bears; William Warfield, Panthers. These teams are somewhat evenly matched so it will be a hard fought season.

The nut league is named after various kinds of nuts as you have probably guessed. This league is made up of six teams. The captains and their teams are as follows: Donald Wood, Cocoanuts; William Williamson, Walnuts; Wiley Bishop, Chestnuts; Edward McGough, Peanuts; George Keyes, Beechnuts; Robert Dickson, Butternuts.

The Sears league plays every Tuesday night and the "Nuts" play every Saturday afternoon. The players for the Varsity team are usually taken from the Sears league. The basketball season this year has had a very promising start, so it is hoped the whole season will be equally well played.

Wiley L. Bishop

Note: The following article is reprinted from the Boston "Globe" of December 12, 1946.

The Football Banquet

The faculty and student body turned out last night to honor The Farm and Trades School football team. Attending the banquet, which was held in Bowditch Hall on Thompson's Island, were representatives of the earlier teams as well as officers of the Alumni Association.

Ernest Dalton, sportswriter of the Boston Globe was speaker of the evening. He paid tribute to the squad of 20, picked from an enrollment of 30 high school students at the island school, pointing out that in achieving four wins out of six games the team had made an excellent record.

Dr. John B. Cook, principal of the School was presented as an old-time ball player. He was battery-mate of the famed Christy Mathewson when both were members of the baseball teams of Bucknell University.

Anthony Notagiacomo, whose work at the Boston Garden, keeps him in touch with sport notables has long been interested in the island school, was present and spoke briefly.

George MacDonald, Chief Eastern league baseball umpire, who has just returned from the baseball meeting on the West coast spoke on the great outlook for baseball in 1947.

Weston O. Page, '38, who assisted Coach Thomas in developing the 1946 team was an honored guest!

Captain Stephen Zevitas expressed the appreciation of the squad to Coach Raymond Thomas for his good work, and then on behalf of the squad presented him with a set of books. Coach Thomas spoke briefly, commenting on athletics on Thompson's island, past and present.

The Alumni of the island school were represented by Clifton E. Albee of the Class of 1921, who also acted as toastmaster.

The coveted football certificates were awarded the following by Headmaster William M. Meacham.

William R. Bunting, Lynn; Berton E. Cadorath, Jr., Brockton; Edward P. Doerr, Jr., Methuen; D. Peter Finnegan, Malden; Arthur W. Fitt, Melrose; Ralph L. Gale, Holliston; Robert H. Hatch,

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Our Religious Services

Since our School was established 133 years ago, in 1814, we have insisted that man's first duty is to God and that the most important lifetime asset of a boy is his early proper religious experiences. Towards that end our religious education has been directed with most successful results.

A student pastor, sent to us by the Gordon College of Theology, in Boston, is in direct charge of our services. He is assisted by members of our faculty.

Sunday School is held each Sunday morning and the sessions are of one hour duration. During the first half hour all of the boys are assembled in the Chapel where an inspiring program is given. For the last half hour the boys go to various classrooms where a standard course of Sunday School lessons is taught by faculty members.

In the evening, at eight o'clock, a formal service is held. Our pastor brings a message to the boys which is always of great value to them. Nearly always some of them assist by furnishing special music, and the talent for this among the boys is great. Occasionally faculty members take part in this evening service.

In addition to our Sunday School and Church services many of the boys join the Christian Endeavor society which meets weekly, under the supervision of our pastor. This group has its own elected officers and the meetings are presided over by the boys.

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Christmas is over—and what a grand Christmas we have had. We are enjoying the articles and messages from our many friends. More than that, we are enjoying the thoughts of those we remembered with gifts and messages. This was the day we joined in celebrating the birth of our Saviour. But why isolate this grand feeling to once a year? Why not enjoy this exhilaration *every* day of the year.

New Year's resolutions too often fall by the wayside after a short period of determined effort so it is of little value to make a resolution and then forget the day after. No formula for successful and happy living can be expected to work unless one is willing to make continuous effort.

One man says, "I am doing my job for the money I get for it. I will do what I am paid to do and no more. If I can get away with less I'll do less." Another man says, "I want to give the best possible service in order that I may help and make others happy. My financial reward will be secondary in my mind." This ever-lasting effort to serve and serve cheerfully and honestly will certainly be rewarded.

There is no better way to start a new year, and to continue throughout the year, than to do our work at our very best—and cheerfully.

Every day in the year can be Christmas in spirit if we give of our best each day. The material things, the gifts we buy with money, cannot be given every day in abundance but giving service cheerfully and honestly can certainly extend through every day. If you want to be happy and successful try it. Many have and they sing their way through life happily and successfully.

Topics in Brief

On December 23 Headmaster and Mrs. William M. Meacham observed their silver wedding anniversary. Such an event occurs but once in a lifetime, and was fittingly observed with an anniversary supper in the dining room in Bowditch House. The happy couple received numerous congratulations and gifts, but the happiest part of the day was that all three of the children were present. William M. Meacham, Jr. and Linwood are students at Middlebury College, while Joyce attends Dana Hall School. At the supper, music was furnished by the boys and a silver gift presented by the instructors. Guests at the head table were instructors who have been at the school ten years or more.

Christmas was the focal point of the month, and as is customary it was a time which will forever linger in the memories of all of us. For a considerable period the boys had spent the major part of their spare time making gifts in the sloyd room; gifts which were certainly superior to most of the expensive items for sale in the stores in town. The Christmas Concert was given on December 22, and thirty of the boys took part in the dignified and well prepared program. Parties were held for each of the dormitories, and the great event—Santa's visit, was held as scheduled on Christmas morning. Elvin C. Bean acted as Santa, and distributed gifts to all. He and seven assistants took about one hour to complete the joyous task. On Christmas evening we enjoyed a technicolor motion picture, "Buffalo Bill", which was surely an outstanding film.

The annual custom of singing carols was followed, and twenty-five carolers visited each of the dormitories singing the

lovely old songs which have grown to be such an important part of the Nativity season.

Christmas, 1946 was an extremely happy and pleasant time for everyone on Thompson's Island.

Edward Rowe Snow, prominent historian, lecturer and radio dramatist, visited us as Santa Claus on December 12. His visit was unique. We saw a helicopter rise from Logan airport and in a few minutes it settled on our athletic field. Mr. Snow had gifts for all of the boys, who were assembled on the field.

We have heard of the unusual ease in which a helicopter can be manipulated, and we were extremely interested in this flight. Mr. Snow, and his pilot, had no trouble whatever in landing or taking off.

Mr. Snow is one of our valued friends, always ready to be of service to us, and this flying visit is another indication of his great interest in our School.

Through the courtesy of Anthony Notagiacomo, of the Boston Garden, the members of the football squad attended a recent hockey game between the Boston Olympics and the Baltimore Clippers. Needless to say, this was a real treat for the boys, and the kindness of Mr. Notagiacomo is appreciated.

The boys enjoyed a vacation period from December 24 until January 2. Snow and ice arrived just in time to give the boys a chance to try out the sleds, skates and skis they received for Christmas.

Each of the boys had the opportunity to spend a day in town with their parents. Half of the boys went on December 12 and the others on the following day. It was the first time that many of the boys were able to appreciate the appearance of the stores in their true jolly holiday peacetime dress.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, December 1856

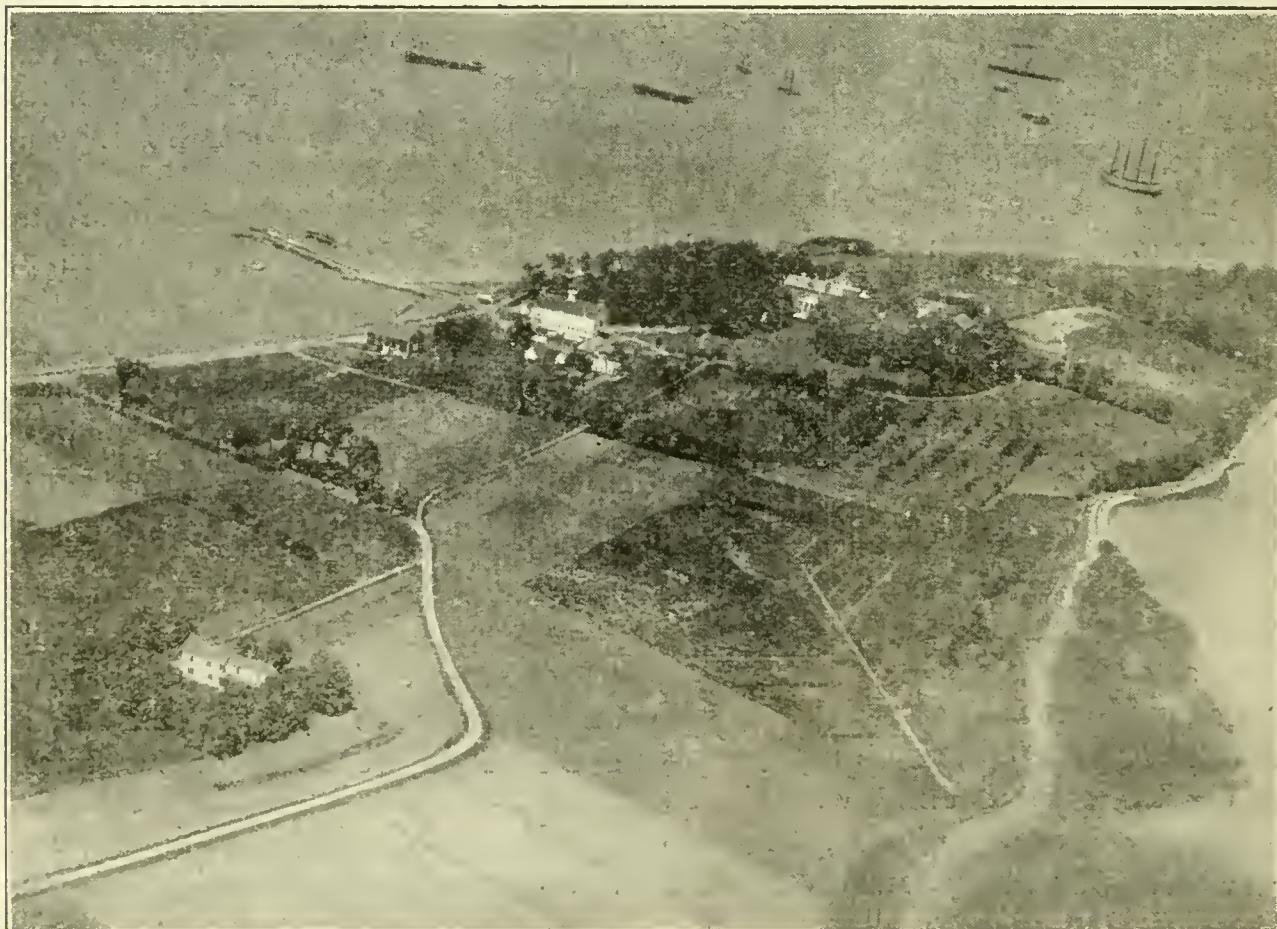
As kept by the Superintendent

10. Our winter supplies came down on the yacht Young America, Capt. Andrew Manning.

25. Christmas Day, and one long to be remembered by those at the Farm School. The friend and patron of the institution, Rev. L. E. Caswell, had obtained from various friends in Boston, a large quantity of cake, figs, candy, and apples as a feast for the boys. He came over himself to enjoy the day with us, and a fine time we had of it. We had a tree for the boys and each one had a present of some kind.

31. Another year has nearly drawn to a close, and we are permitted to bless God for the continuance of his favor towards us in sparing our lives and health of our numerous family to the present time.

Of the ninety-nine now here, one is seven; nine are eight: seventeen are nine, sixteen are ten; twenty-one are eleven; thirteen are twelve; eleven are thirteen; eight are fourteen; and three are fifteen years of age. Twenty-nine have both parents living; seven have fathers; forty eight have mothers only; and five are orphans.



Looking at the North-Central part of the Island from the air

Although this picture was taken before our fine new group of buildings was constructed, and does not show the tremendous advances thus made, it does portray some of the natural beauty of the School.

Alumni Notes

HAROLD F. BENT, '35, after leaving F. T. S. finished his high school work and then attended Gorham Teachers College, graduating with the degree of B. S. in Industrial Education. He taught for one year and then took work as a sheet metal pattern draftsman, which position he held for three years.

He then went into business for himself by purchasing two acres of land and erecting a building for a printing office. This business did rather well and another building for a sheet metal shop was built. The structures were erected especially for the work they are designed to do, and they show plenty of good judgment on the part of this graduate.

He strives to specialize in industrial installations, but lack of materials forced him temporarily to alter this program. Some of his latest jobs were hot air installations, and putting in the cold air distributing systems of three new packing plants of the Maine Fruit Producers, Inc.

In his printing department he has three presses, a cutter, stitcher and other essential equipment to keep a shop of this size busy. Much of his help is supplied by college students who work on a part time basis.

He will be remembered as a very fine cornetist in his F. T. S. days, and his instrument paid his way through college. Now, however, he has found it necessary to give up much of his professional playing offers, but he does enjoy playing for recreation.

Of course Mr. Bent carefully points out that whatever success his business has achieved is due in a large measure to Mrs. Bent, whom we at the Island have had the pleasure of meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bent have purchased

their home in Gorham, Maine, where the business is conducted. They have every reason to be very proud of their twelve room Colonial residence.

JOHN W. BRIDGES, '70 died at his home at 4435 Lincoln Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin last August 13. He had almost reached his 92nd birthday. At the time of his death he was our oldest living graduate, and throughout his fruitful life he retained a deep interest in our School.

After leaving Thompson's Island Mr. Bridges went to Nebraska at the age of 15. He attended the Tecumseh high school and the State Normal School. For many years he was a teacher in Johnson county schools in Nebraska.

He was married in 1877 to Florence E. Atkins of Sterling, and to them were born five children. He survived by three daughters, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridges raised their family in Sterling, where he was a contractor. They moved to Lincoln 26 years ago. Mrs. Bridges died in 1944.

Mr. Bridges was a member of the First Methodist Church in Lincoln. He lived a busy life—one of integrity and honesty which won for him the love and respect of all who knew him.

He attended whatever Alumni and School functions he could, especially in his younger years. At one Alumni gathering he had come directly from Nebraska and had travelled the greatest distance of any graduate present at that meeting.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the members of his family.

DARWIN C. BAIRD, '45 was at the School for Christmas vacation. He is a Senior at Mount Hermon School. His father, Mark C. Baird, has been our farm manager for nearly 20 years.

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JOHN R. MACDONALD. '35 received his honorable discharge from the Navy after five action-packed years in the Pacific, on March 31, 1945. He went to Chicago, where he became married without loss of time, for he had waited eight years for that happy day. He then searched for work in advertising, specializing in photography. He did not find what he wanted until he appeared on a radio program with his story. Then thirty offers were made, and he found just the employment he wished. He had plenty of talent and ambition and an eight hour day did not interest him. He secured permission to use the photographic studios in after hours and experimented with all forms of lighting. He studied and practiced and tried everything conceivable in shooting pictures from every angle. As of January 1, 1947 he is head photographer with Frank Lewis, Inc. having risen through the ranks in amazing space of one short year.

Some of the films he made recently are "Tricks with Chicks", for Quaker Oats Co., "Bovinol", and "Superla" for the Standard Oil Co., films which advertise their new D.D.T. barn sprays; "Profit Dips" for Swift's Ice Cream, and "A Job at Campbell's" for the public relations department of Campbell's Soups.

He is very proud of Mrs. Macdonald, and well he may, for she has already college degrees of B.S. and M. S. and this year will have her doctor's degree. She is at the University of Chicago as a Psychologist.

We congratulate this graduate on the success he has thus far achieved and point

with some pride the forecast made in the January 1939 Beacon, that he would some day be one of the Nation's leading creative artists. He has certainly begun to make this prophecy come true.

His motto might well be used by many. It is the one big thing he learned at F. T. S., and is "Do ordinary things in an extraordinary manner."

JAMES T. RITCHIE, '36 is employed in the Boston office of the Olson Marine Supplies, Inc. He received his discharge from the army on Jan. 15, 1946 and served nine months on Luzon. His trumpet serves him well, and he has received much pleasure as well as financial gain from his music. He is married, has two children, and lives at 35 Pilgrim Road, Watertown, Mass.

The engagement of Ruth Gertrude Moss and **WESTON O. PAGE,** '38 has been announced. Miss Moss attends the Vesper George School of Art in Boston. Mr. Page is in the graduating class of Boston University. Both live in Melrose. Congratulations!

REV. CLIFFORD H. TAYLOR, '15, is pastor of the United Baptist Church, in E. Corinth, Maine. He assumed this pastorate late in November. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Gordon College,

ROBERT H. STONE, '42 is a radio serviceman, employed by the Charles W. Homeyer store in Boston. He thus followed his F.T.S. hobby into business, which was interrupted for Naval service. His address is 11 Carroll St., Watertown.



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Some boys, their dog and snow fort—a Winter combination

A Trip to Trinity Church

The varsity basketball team opened its 1947 season with a trip to Trinity Church to play the team from the boys' club of that church. In addition to this game another was played between two smaller teams.

We left the Island at one o'clock and soon were on a street car. We changed at Boylston and went to Arlington Street. We walked to the church and some of us

saw the new WCOP radio station for the first time.

Upon arriving at Trinity Church we were greeted by the boys. We changed up for the game and it was decided that the smaller teams should play first. The Trinity "Cub" team was far better than our team and won the game, although our boys put up a good fight.

In the all important game, though, the score was in favor of F.T.S. Our team played a good steady game and took

a good lead, which they held onto till the end of the game. The final score of the game was 38-16 in our favor.

The Trinity boys were good sports and both games were hard fought. We look forward to a return game which will be played at the School later this winter.

Paul Calloe

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Classroom Work

I am in the sixth grade and our grade goes to school every morning from half past seven until half past eleven. Our classroom is in the main building, and as soon as we are seated Ernest Cornish gets the pencils from our teacher and passes them out. We study History, English, Geography, Reading, and Spelling.

Henry G. Tangen

F. T. S. vs. Alumni

On February 15 eight members of the Alumni Association came to the school to see how much of their old-time skill they could muster on the basketball court. Two games were played, one with the school varsity team and another with the second team. For men who had played little or no basketball for some years the graduates did an excellent job. The undergraduates won both games, but had to extend themselves to do it.

Among the visitors were Richard J. Nelson, '40 who is a student at Northeastern University studying chemical engineering; Henry S. Dixon, '40 of 15 Bellevue Avenue, Cambridge, employed by a laundry in that city; Robert W. MacWha, '40 a student at the New England Aircraft School; Wesley C. Gustafson, '39 a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Roland Hallberg, '41 who has within a month finished his duties in the U. S. Navy and lives at 3 Russell Rd.

Winchester; Ernest Burns, '42, employed at Martin Hall Company, wholesale coffee distributors; Kenneth M. Walley '41, an employee of the Veterans' Administration; Walter H. Johanssen, '42 who is studying refresher courses preparing for work of a college grade. With the group also was John Johanssen, a brother of Walter and a former student at F.T.S.

The eight graduates are all former members of the armed forces and have become happily adjusted to civilian pursuits. They had a grand time at the School, and we surely enjoyed having them with us.

Serving Room Work

I work in the serving room every day. Here all the dishes of food come from the kitchen to be put on the tables for the meals. After the meals they all come back again and three of us wash them and put them away for the next meal. Besides doing the dishes we also have the silver to take care of.

Jeremy A. Hixon

Our Basketball Team

In basketball we have a Nut League made up of smaller boys. There are six teams, and each team plays a game once every week. We have played for seven weeks now and the Chestnuts are ahead. Wiley Bishop is captain. The Walnuts are tied with the Coconuts for second place. I am a forward on the Chestnuts and the other players are Karl Mills, Vaughn Best, David Furbish, Jon Hines Samuel Whiting and Wiley Bishop, captain. Last week the Walnuts thought they would beat us but they couldn't stop Bishop and Hines from scoring.

James E. Barnett

Saturday Night Movies

Every Saturday night we have movies in the Assembly Hall. The shows last about two hours, and consists of a short picture, usually a comedy or cartoon and a feature picture. Sometimes this varies and we have two or three short films. Occasionally an extra film is added, which comes to us from the agricultural department of the Jamaica Plain high school.

Our films are 16mm sound, and are most always 20th-Century Fox, United Artists or Universal shows. Usually if a picture is worth-while after being shown in the big theaters it is made into a size for school projectors. The last three pictures we had were "The Return of Frank James," "Frontier Marshall", and "South of Pago Pago". A few weeks ago we had "A Bell for Adano" which we all liked very much.

Our films come from a company in New York, Films Incorporated, and they see that we have a good picture every week. We have a different kind of

picture every week, and are always expecting a good show when Saturday comes. I hope that we continue to get good movies such as we have had.

Wiley L. Bishop

Band Practice

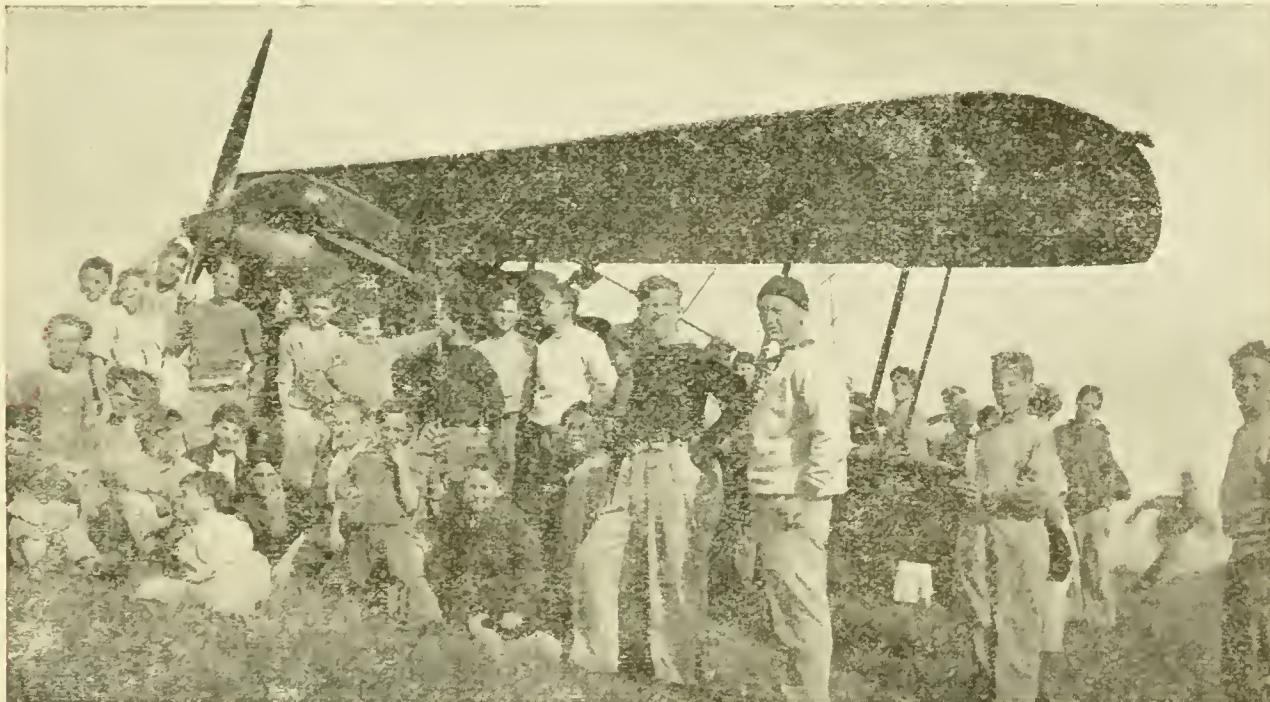
The Band is learning to play some new pieces for our spring concerts. The boys work hard on them so as to play them well. Our band teacher, Mr. Warren, comes every week to give us a lesson. We have a lot of fun playing in the band.

Ernest D. Cornish

Dormitory Work

My job is to work in Dormitory B. Every day I help to clean the halls and stairs. Yesterday we waxed all the corridors. Sometimes I help sort the laundry. Other work we do is to clean the sitting room and wash windows. All the dormitory boys work pretty hard but we don't mind it.

Lawrence J. McManus



A winged friend pays a visit, and when a plane lands all else is forgotten

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"Our own Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, Governor of the 196th District, President of Boston University and internationally known educator, humanitarian, leader, writer and lecturer, held the attention of more than 400 assembled Rotarians of the Boston Club, officers of the district and visiting Rotarians from widely scattered Rotary International. Governor Dan mentioned that this was his thirty-first official visit to the thirty-one Rotary Clubs of this district.

"Dan said he finds that human nature is kind, men want to be kind, and he had never found kinder men than in this work of being the Governor of the 196th District of Rotary. In every one of these Rotary clubs he finds groups of men ever striving to make Rotary helpful to the community.

"Driving along the North Shore recently, Dan noticed a sign, 'Rotary Traffic Ahead — Keep to the Right.' There are four roads leading off from this traffic circle. Right then our speaker thought, 'That will be the subject of my address — what could be more appropriate? We are in Rotary traffic. No man is a Rotarian unless he is believed to be a success and highly respected. Actually, a Rotarian is selected, one in a thousand or in two thousand or more in a community — a distinctive honor—you represent a profession or an occupation within the community.'

"'This Rotary Traffic,' said Governor Dan, 'represents Service, Fellowship, International Relations and other objective roads. Rotary says you are to develop fellowship in order that you may give service — not for the purpose of *getting* but to *give*.'

"Rotary in this highway of fellowship is a hand on the shoulder always seeking to ease the burden of sorrow in the hearts of our fellow men.

"Vocationally we have various motives. Sometimes a man says he is in business to make money, to get dollars. Another says he is a teacher for the paltry salary derived but more often the speaker finds, especially among Rotarians, that the man's occupation is really the highway to success as an instrument of service to his fellow men.

"Doctor Dan touched briefly but understandingly on Community Service—another of those roads leading off from the Rotary circle. This represents two lines of thought. One man says, 'What is Community Service doing for me?' The other point of view—prevalent especially among Rotarians—is, 'What can I do for others through Community Service?'

"The International Relations road has two aspects—the one represented by the shell holes and debris and tears of war, the other represented by the striving to serve peoples of this globe by settling world differences by good will conferences. The startling and terrible thought if another war rages in 25 years is that scientists say we will be able to press a button and destroy our enemy halfway around the globe—*and our enemy can do*

the same to us. The only solution to this horrifying and real possibility is through realization by every nation that service in the Godly way must take the place of war and that nation will be greatest which serves best.

"Our Dan closed his inspiring address with the following poem:

'An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sudden stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your time with building here.
You never again will pass this way.
Your journey will end with the closing day.
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the way that I've come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A Youth whose feet must pass this way.
This stream that has been as naught to me
To the fair-haired youth might a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.'"

This editorial written by Rotarian William M. Meacham appeared in the HUB published by the Rotary Club of Boston January 10, 1947.



The motor launch WINSLOW

Topics in Brief

We have had some interesting assembly programs recently. On January 20 the seventh grade presented a one act play with music based on life in a Boy Scout camp. This was an outstanding program. One week later the sixth graders spoke on interesting topics from the classroom current events papers. On February 3 the Sophomores gave a Geometry demonstration which resulted in a rather interesting discussion.

The basketball season is extremely popular with the boys this year, and this truly American game has aroused the enthusiasm of the entire school. Our boys are fortunate in having a program worked out so that each boy is an important member on one of the ten intra-mural teams, or on the varsity five. The Sears League is composed of four teams of the more skillful players, while the Nut League has six teams made up of those not chosen for the Sears League. Each team plays at least one game weekly throughout the season.

The Scout troop has been working on signalling games and methods at its weekly meeting. The troop is made up of thirty of the younger boys, all of whom derive much knowledge and pleasure from the scouting program. Four of the faculty members serve as adult counselors for the troop.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Dooley, of the Jamaica Plain high school faculty, we are using an agricultural film weekly, as an adjunct to our regular weekly movie show.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, January 1856

As kept by the Superintendent

8. Crossed on the ice to Harrison Square, Dorchester. Went in a direct line.

17. Went to the city across the ice to South Boston.

25. Thermometer 10 below. Many persons have been walking down the harbor on ice, and horses and sleighs have been down as far as Spectacle Island, something unusual for us to see.

28. I went to the city in the morning to get the remainder of the furnace. In the afternoon killed an ox.

The Freshmen Assembly

On a Monday evening not long ago, the Freshman Class gave the program at Assembly. The class had spent much time in getting the parts of the program ready and everything went off well. The first number was an alto horn solo by Ramsey Porter who played "Keep the Home Fires Burning" on his instrument.

The main part of the entertainment followed with a number of riddles. These riddles were exaggerated descriptions of some of the boys in school. Most of them were very funny, and all of them were easy to solve.

Howard E. Jennison asked several class members to give these riddles and he chose by a show of hands, one of the boys in the audience to answer each one. If it was answered correctly that boy came forward and was awarded a humorous prize.

The program was finished by a clarinet solo by Kenneth Duquet who played "The Old Lamp Lighter", a song which everyone knew and liked.

The Assembly program was fun to prepare and the class was glad that it was liked by all.

D. Peter Finnegan

Our First Marching Drill

Last Saturday, February 15, the Band went marching outdoors for the first time since last fall. I was one of the new

players in the band and it was quite interesting. We were in rows of six across and eight deep. We have been learning some marches by memory so we didn't have any music. We played three marches and practiced columns right and left, and counter marching.

Karl Mills

The Point System

The point system is very important in printing because everything in the printing office is measured by it. In an inch there are 72 points and in a pica there are 12 points. If type is 12 points it means it is one-sixth of an inch in size. If type is going to be set in lines three inches long then the composing stick will be set at 18 picas. The sixth and seventh graders are learning the point system now.

Thomas D. Boufford

Dining Room Work

My two roommates and I work in the dining room each afternoon. We first get all the silverware, glasses, plates and other dishes and take them to the serving room. Then we wash the tables and sweep the floor. Usually by this time the boys in the serving room have the dishes ready for the next meal so we get them and set the tables. Then we are finished.

Altogether there are six boys in the dining room in the afternoon.

Edward A. Cox

Printing

I am in the sixth grade and this grade has a printing lesson every day. First we learned how to hold the composing stick and set lines of type. Now all of the boys know the case well and can set type. Now we are learning the point system, and how to feed the press.

Norman F. Dewing

Alumni Notes

MURDOCK C. MOORE, '39 is engaged in the printing and publishing business in Maumee, Ohio. He is very happy over his prospects with the "Maumee Valley News", and the job printing end of the concern he is with. He and Mrs. Moore are comfortably settled at 105 Conant Street, Maumee. Always a good correspondent, he will be pleased to hear from his F. T. S. friends at his new Ohio address.

WALTER G. FITZGERALD, '34 was a recent visitor. He is engaged in the painting business, and has recently purchased a home in Somerville. His brother, JOHN A. FITZGERALD, '33 will occupy one section of the 2 family house.

Both are married. John is the proud daddy of three daughters and a son. He works in an Arlington filling station.

Their address is 52 Berkeley Street, Somerville, Mass.

We thank WILL FRANK DAVIS, '79 and MERTON P. ELLIS, '97 for gifts of magazines. These are much appreciated, and can be readily used in our four dormitory sitting rooms.

WILLIAM J. KLAILA, '41, is the proud daddy of a bouncing baby girl. Barbara is just the tonic to brighten up the Klaila home at 26 Belvidere St., Boston.

WESLEY C. GUSTAFSON, '39 will graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this June. He has studied mechanical engineering. He lives at 76 Cypress St., Brookline, Mass.

Note

The Bennington, Vermont "Banner" printed an excellent account of our Chapel drive for funds in its issue of February 6, 1947. We thank the editor of this paper for his interest in furthering our cause.

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ROGER L. HOLTON, '30 has returned to his home in Bennington, Vermont, after nearly five years absence. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 29, 1942 in Rutland, Vermont. After one year of service he had been promoted to sergeant and had earned a reputation as an excellent poet and writer, his work appearing in army papers.

On March 1, 1944 he went overseas with a hand-picked unit, selected by Gen. Clair H. Armstrong. This brigade won fame as the secret "Antwerp X" command, as it protected this port against the V1s. The European war ended three months ahead of anyone's expectations due in a large measure to the steady flow of supplies through the thirty-six square miles of Antwerp's docks. Of many more than four thousand V1s launched at the port only two hundred and eleven arrived at the target area.

At his request Sergeant Holton was demobilized at Namur, Belgium, in December 1945. For nearly a year he remained in Antwerp where he studied the French and Flemish languages. As an avocation he looked into pedigreed dog raising, about which he is a real enthusiast, and Flemish art. He wrote several stories on Belgian Folk Legends and considerable poetry.

Mr. Holton took the opportunity to study the living conditions of the Belgian people. Their homes are exceptionally well constructed, usually of brick and cement with much tile flooring and roofing. The Belgians, generally speaking, says Mr. Holton, cannot imagine so many "wooden houses" as we have here in

America or how they can be kept warm in winter months.

A tree surgeon by profession, in his heart he is a poet and has written many fine poems. He is married and will continue to make his home in Bennington, Vermont.

RICHARD W. CROWLEY, '33, has purchased two dwellings at 106 and 108 Richmond Street, in Brockton, Mass. He has two children, a girl and a boy. His employment is with the Snell Jones Corporation, where he is a machinist. He regrets that he has not been able to visit the School for some time, and we can well realize that he has been very busy.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lea of Roxbury have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice Mae, to GLENDON L. CAMPBELL, '43. A May wedding is planned. Congratulations to the happy couple!

EUGENE S. EMERSON, '39, is employed at the Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge, Mass., and keeps in close contact with the school and with many of his F.T.S. schoolmates. He lives at 811 Beacon St., Boston.

RICHARD J. NELSON, '40, is studying chemical engineering at Northeastern University. His studies keep him extremely busy. He lives at 11 Belvidere St., Boston.

GEORGE J. ZEVITAS, '42 is employed by a Cambridge laundry. His home address is 16 Halleck St., Roxbury, Mass.



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The Snowball Battle

It is a tradition to have a snow battle on Washington's Birthday. This year it didn't look as though this would be possible, because there was no snow. Plans were made for a treasure hunt. But on February 20 and 21 we had a real old-fashioned snowstorm, and the snow battle could be held after all.

When Washington's Birthday dawned it was easy to see that the softball diamond would be an ideal place to have the fight. As soon as necessary work was done all the boys assembled to talk over plans for the fight, choose leaders, and make preparations. Edward P. Doerr and Lawrence F. Finn were the leaders.

The rest of the morning was spent building forts. They had to be made strongly enough so as to withstand pretty rugged assaults. The armies seemed to think that no one could break through, but in this they were mistaken, for it so happened that both forts were successfully invaded.

After dinner the boys did little except to get ready for the fight. Moving pictures and still pictures were made of both forts and the armies which were to defend them. One side was called the "Indians" and decorated appropriately, while the other was called "Settlers".

The Indians began the war by an attack on the Settler's fort. The first attempt

failed, and then repeated charges began to show results. A weak spot was found in one of the walls of the fort and by charging this spot it began to wear through. The defenders valiantly fought off every attack, for in the fort were precious small sacks representing victory or defeat. Towards the end of time for this charge, the attackers broke through and into the fort capturing five sacks representing as many points.

After a rest the battle was begun again, this time the Settlers charging the Indians' fort. The fort was strongly made, and the Settlers came close to breaking into it. But the Indians repulsed all attacks and at the end of this period the score still was in their favor.

There was another brief intermission and both armies repaired their forts and got ready for the third and final charge of the battle. For this the sacks were placed midway on the field and the armies charged for them.

Soon this all-important third period began. After the charge the captured sacks were put in the forts and counted. The Settlers found that they were on the losing end, so they stormed the opponents' fort. Fighting was pretty hard for a time, and then interest suddenly centered about the Settlers' fort because Kenneth Duquet had slipped in unawares and was busy throwing out sacks. The Settlers recaptured all

the lost sacks, excepting one. Meanwhile Richard McPhee succeeded in getting into the other fort and things might have been different had not the whistle sounded to signify that time was up, the battle over, and the victory won by the Indians.

In a short time the winning army, led by its leader, was in the gymnasium. The losing army was also invited. Soon the officers of the losing army were serving refreshments of cocoa, doughnuts, fruit and candy to everyone.

It was a good battle, and I think it was the best snowball battle that I have been in.

D. Peter Finnegan

Office Work

In the afternoon I am office boy. My job is to keep the office nice and clean, to deliver messages to the different departments and many other things. Yesterday afternoon I put the Beacons in envelopes so that they were ready to be mailed. I help run the mimeograph machine and I like this job.

Ernest D. Cornish

My Hobby

Many of the boys have hobbies. Personally, I have a stamp collection which I began when I came to this school. I work on my collection every time that I haven't something to do. I have many stamps now and trade and bargain with the other boys so as to make my collection bigger. Some of my sets are not complete, and I am also hunting for stamps to complete these sets.

Robert W. Closson

Beach Walks

One of the things that the boys like to do is go on beach walks. Usually every Sunday our minister, Mr. Orr, takes some of us. We play games and hunt for things on the beach. There are many different things which come on the beach, and

sometimes we find things that are good. Some of the boys find pieces of wood which they use to make nice things from. Others make collections of stones and shells.

Theodore L. Jones

My Roommates

I live in Room 2, in Dormitory A. My two roommates are Robert Closson and Norman Dewing, and they are good pals. When we get packages we share with each other, and have a lot of fun. We have many games and a good time playing.

H. Martyn Hall

My Favorite Radio Program

The radio program I like best is "The Inside of Sports." On this program there is a story of some famous athlete, and it is often very exciting. I listen every chance I get to this program. There are often things which I would like to know, but wouldn't if it wasn't for my favorite radio program.

Jon Hines

Dining Room

Every morning I have a job to do in the dining room. This is to wipe the breakfast dishes. My workmates are Robert Closson and Richard Allen. These boys put the dishes through the dish-washing machine and after they come from this machine I wipe them and put them away.

David W. Simmons

Scout Meetings

We have a meeting of our Scout troop every week. We begin by giving the salute to the Flag, and the scout oath. Then the scribe gives the record of the last meeting. After this we do signalling or compass, or some other work. Then we play games until the time is up. We close by giving the scout law.

Edward R. McGough

Dormitory Work

I work on dormitory and it is a good job. Usually I begin by cleaning the bathrooms. Then I clean the corridors and stairs. This is Dormitory C. After I finish this I go to Bowditch House and help clean the dormitory halls. Then the rubbish barrels are emptied and I am finished, except for times when there is extra work to do.

Vernon R. Lincoln

Playing the Clarinet

I am in the sixth grade and am now learning to play the clarinet. This is a good instrument, because it has a good tone and is important in the band. Every week our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, comes to give us a lesson. Altogether, there are fourteen boys playing the clarinet.

Norman F. Dewing

My Plants

One day when I was cleaning in the dormitory my instructor gave me some plants. We fixed a nice box for them, and put them in a sunny window in the shop. I have only had them a little while, and they are growing fast. When the spring comes I will transplant these plants in my garden.

Donald S. Duquet

Printing Classes

The seventh grade has printing classes at 1:15 every day. So far we have learned where the letters are in the type case and how to set type. Also how to lock up a type job in a chase and get it ready for the press. The last work we have been doing is feeding the press. This looks easy but it is hard at first.

Thurmond Hood Jr.

Shovelling Snow

On February 21 we had a snow storm and several boys and I shovelled off the

walks and avenues. The snow was blown in big drifts in some places. We had a snow-plow which took away most of the snow and we rode on it to make it heavy. Then we took our shovels and finished what the plow didn't get.

G. Henry Tangen

Our Printing Lesson

The sixth grade has printing every morning. We are learning to run the small press. Yesterday we printed forms for the office, and this morning cards for the trustees' meetings. We have learned how to use the paper cutter and to stitch the school paper. All of us can set type. I like the printing classes and I guess all the boys do.

Edward A. Cox

The "Peanuts"

I am on the basketball team called the "Peanuts". We have won three games and lost five. The last two games we played we lost but they were good games. The other players on the team are Edward Melvin, James Angelos, Robert Carpenter, Harold Hill and Richard Gavin. We play every week, and I hope we win the next game.

Jeremy A. Hixon

A Good View

The boys in my room have a good view from the windows; we can see the other dormitories and look down towards the main building and old elm. Usually on the lawns we can watch the boys' pets playing. We get a good view of the sea and watch the boats going back and forth. Usually the boats we see are small ones because we can't see the main ship channel from our room.

Laurence J. McManus

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Everyone connected with our school and everyone who contributes to this good work invests in an enterprise which pays rich dividends. The more we give the greater become our rewards. There is nothing which gives one a greater permanent income than the complete satisfaction of helping someone to attain success and life happiness.

Our graduates "ring the bell" just about every time. That is, practically every lad who receives his diploma from F.T.S. is at once a citizen of more than usual merit, a man of character and integrity, a leader in civic affairs, a man who rises to the top of the ladder in his occupation. So, everyone who has helped to make such human success collects a coupon, dividends rich in satisfaction of helping a lad succeed.

Among the hundreds of our boys is John Macdonald '35, a G.I. of five years experience in the Pacific who returned from service, married his boyhood sweetheart, who has nearly completed her work for a doctor's degree at the age of 22. "Jerry's" job hunting is a thriller in itself—the story too long for this column. Briefly, he knew what he wanted and what he was equipped by natural ability and experience to do and he went after it.

Having "connected" with a leading company in advertising he started at the bottom and by ability and hard work he rose to the position of head photographer in less than two years. He has recently made a film for Quaker Oats Co. called "Tricks with Chicks," two films for Standard Oil, one for Swift's Ice Cream called "Profit Dips" and one for Campbell's Soup.

In a recent letter "Jerry" was especially kind to his alma mater when he said, I am not trying to be melodramatic—but

I'd dare say that no one could ever be associated with F. T. S. without gaining and remembering some type of valuable philosophy. I know that I have. For in adding up all my training and experiences at F. T. S. I found that I had learned one big thing—it is a big thing to me and has become my motto and I am realizing success by it—that is, simply, *do ordinary things in an extraordinary manner.*"

Topics in Brief

Each of us at the School was given a Washington's Birthday remembrance of a box of chocolates by the Alumni Association. All of us appreciate the kindness of the graduates in providing this fine gift.

We have had a series of entertaining programs at our weekly assemblies during the month. These have ranged from blackboard demonstrations of classroom mathematics by the sophomores to informal quizzes and musical selections by the two divisions of the eighth graders and freshmen.

A heavy snowfall on February 21 caused us to change our plans for the observance of Washington's Birthday from a snowless activity to the traditional snow battle. Great interest and enthusiasm made the battle one long to be remembered.

We were hosts to a group from Braintree high school on February 20. On the basketball court our team lost to the Braintree freshmen, while the second team won over the Braintree seconds. Both games were exciting and well played. After the games refreshments were served to the players.

The recreational interests of the boys have centered very largely around basketball. Nearly all the boys participate in this sport and it grows greater in popularity with each passing year. Our planned program is made up to include all of the boys on a team and in a league according to each boy's ability. Then there is the very important varsity team, which annually makes a good record in competition with school and church teams from Greater Boston.

Through the courtesy of John Goodhue, '21, a member of the Board of Trustees, a group of the boys had the opportunity of spending an afternoon at the Sportsman's Show in Mechanics Building on February 6. The various exhibits and really amazing performances of the expert trappers, fishermen and guides were greatly enjoyed. The antics of "Sharkey", a trained seal, were hilarious.

A modest, though very important and significant event took place on February 27, when Station WRUL began its broadcasts from Boston, free from any state, political or sectarian ties. "Radio Boston", which has a world-wide coverage, gave unprecedented service during the war under government control. In peacetime it will broadcast World Radio University programs, developed by six New England colleges. We recall that in happy pre-war days our Band broadcast from this station as part of an extensive youth program to a world-wide audience.

Our paint shop department is accomplishing a great deal during these early spring days. The dining room in Bowditch House has been cleaned and painted, as is also the room formerly used as a dining room in the main building. Much more work is planned.

The following article is reprinted from the Boston "Post" of December 17, 1947.

"Edward Rowe Snow, the local historian, took a group of folk out to visit The Farm and Trades School on Thompson's Island last Saturday. The school's director, William M. Meacham, at Mr. Snow's suggestion, honored one of the visitors, Miss Sally Kingston, an art student from Chelmsford, by bestowing her name upon a calf that had been born on the island shortly before the party arrived."

Mr. Meacham's birthday came this year on Sunday, and on the following day, March 3, a pleasant and happy time was spent. A tasty buffet supper was served in the gymnasium, a feature being the cutting and serving of a handsome cake. Later in the evening an entertainment was given in the assembly hall which was much enjoyed. Vocal and instrumental solos and duets were interspersed with readings and novelties. The program concluded with a special presentation by the seventh graders.

One of the annual events to which the boys look forward eagerly is the Gordon College basketball game. This year this took place on March 6. The game was a thriller all the way and a tie score made necessary an added period of play. This also ended in a tie, and a "sudden death" period followed. Gordon won 39-37.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, February 1856 As kept by the Superintendent

4. Messrs. S.E. Brackett and S. G. DeBlois of the Board of Managers came from South Boston in a sleigh to the door. Quite a novel feat, and one that may not occur again in many years. After they

left Mrs. Morse rode over the ice to the Point.

3. Went to the city with my report. Got 18 bags of meal which I had brought across the ice in one load from the Point.

10. This is my thirty-third birthday. I have been to the city. Got figs for the boys etc. Ann and Delia who went to the city last Friday returned by way of Dorchester, crossed on the ice from the foundry.

12. Carried 17 pairs of boys boots to be repaired, the first to have been mended this winter. Went in a direct line across the ice.

18. Plumbers came to repair cisterns and pumps, etc.

24. Left the island early this morning with John Stewart, who goes by packet to Provincetown, thence to North Truro, to live with David E. Smith, a trader and farmer.

Our Assembly Program

A few weeks ago the seventh graders gave a play at assembly which was named "The Non-Stop Flight." Everyone liked this play, which was based upon the activities of a group of boy scouts at Camp Goodtime. The scouts were planning a show, and the object was for each camper to make up a rhyme about some city. A lot of the boys read their rhymes like they would poems, while others sang them to the tune of "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More." The rhymes were funny, especially when they were sung. We had a lot of fun putting on this program, and are glad that the audience liked it so much.

Richard P. Allen

We enjoyed a showing of the official baseball film produced by the two major leagues, on March 1, through the courtesy of Mr. Frank L. Warren.

Basketball Summary

Sears League

The 1947 basketball season ended on March 11, in the intra-mural leagues. In the Sears League the Wolverines won the shield, which is awarded annually by Trustee Philip S. Sears. This team's captain was A. Wallace Fitt, and it won six games while losing three. An interesting fact was that each of the other three teams in the league was able to beat the Wolverines, but only once.

The Lions, Bears and Panthers all finished the season with an identical record, four won and five lost. The captains were: Panthers, William T. Warfield; Bears, Harold D. Lowery; Lions, Sheridan J. Higgins.

Eight players in the league scored more than fifty points, with three being on the championship team. They were: Kenneth Duquet and Richard McPhee, 79; Sheridan Higgins, 69; Wallace Fitt and Ernest Parsons, 67; Lawrence Finn, 64; Paul Calloe, 56, and Robert Lucien, 54.

The leaders in scoring foul points were Richard McPhee, Sheridan Higgins, Paul Calloe and Robert Lucien.

The Nut League

The Nut League, of six teams, is composed of those players who are not chosen for the Sears League. In the main they are the younger or less experienced players. Each team played ten games, and the Chestnuts, Wiley Bishop, Captain, won the Raymond Thomas cup with a record of eight won and two lost. The Coconuts, Donald Wood captain, were in second place with seven won and three lost. Jack Williamson's team, the Walnuts, had a good record winning six while losing four.

The leading scorers in this league were: Jon Hines, with 73 points; Donald Wood with 48; Robert Carpenter, 43; William

Kellaway, 42, and Harold Hill, 39. Donald Wood led in foul points scored, 10, while Jon Hines was second with 9.

Forty boys were in this league, and interest ran high until the final whistle. Many of these players showed real ability and next year will be graduated to the Sears' league.

In Brief

Seventy-three boys played in these leagues, and a total of 48 games were played. It was an extremely successful season. The School team, its schedule incomplete at this time, has to date made an excellent record and a complete account of its games will be printed next month.

Additional Alumni Note

HARRY BELHAM, '31 is another whose BEACON subscription has been received. He lives in No. Attleboro, at 54 Reservoir Street.

WILLIAM C. BURNS, '37, has purchased a home at 197 Federal Street, North Wilmington and he and his family enjoy it very much. He has two children, William C. Jr., two years old, and Dawne Lee about six months. His home in the country has a welcome sign out for his F. T. S. friends.

The Massachusetts State Chess Association held election of officers recently. WALDO L. WALTERS, '30, has again been elected president. Many members of this group have been visitors at our school as guests of Mr. Waters and the School.

BRUCE E. HAEGER, '46, writes interesting accounts of trips he makes to New York City. He, with his brother, DAVID G. HAEGER, '42, who has only recently returned from army duties in Italy live in Ridgefield, Conn., on Branchville Road, within reasonable distance of the great metropolis.

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CALVIN O. HOLMES, '15, is chief engineer in a bleachery and secured his first training on the PILGRIM and later in the School power plant. His hobby is housetrailers, and he has built three, in which work his sloyd training was a big help. His three daughters are married and he has become a grandfather, a fact of which he is very proud. He lives at 62 Linwood Street, Abington, Mass.

ALBERT E. PETERSON, '21, was confined to the West Roxbury Veterans Hospital prior to the Christmas holidays. He writes that he is fully recovered now, and is happy to be back with his family and at work once again. His address is 21 Haynes Street, East Boston, Mass.

HERBERT E. NOBLE, '23 spent several years in Boston after graduating from F.T.S. He then moved to New York where he has been ever since. He has his own business, Noble Associates, Inc., of New York City, of which he is president. This company is national sales representatives of manufacturers of hardware and kindred items.

He has been married for over six years and has two lovely children, Peter, age six and Roberta, nearly four.

He would be happy to hear from any of his F. T. S. associates.

EDWARD V. OSBERG, '24, writes from his home 144-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing, N.Y. that he is determined to be present at Field Day in June. It has been a long time since he visited us. He has written many articles for various trade journals.

IVERS E. WINMILL, '25, has completed 10 years of service with the Boston Police Department. Frequently we meet him as he is on duty in town, and his picture appears from time to time in the Boston press. He is married, has two sons, and lives at 122 Florence St., Roslindale 31, Mass. His hobby is woodwork, and he has a rather complete shop at home for this purpose.

WILLIAM R. REEVE, '26, has recently joined the Taleb Grotto Band in Quincy which includes several of our graduates. He has purchased his home at 108 Marlboro St., Wollaston. His daughter, Jean Anderson Reeve, has just passed her first birthday.

He is employed by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company in Boston. He is also well known in the dance orchestra field, having his own orchestra as well as playing with several well known groups.

HERBERT A. ROKES, '34 is foreman of a milk trucking concern and lives at 13 Lake Shore Road, in Natick. Always interested in everything pertaining to the School, he has recently sent in his BEACON subscription.

LEWIS C. GOODWIN, '36 writes a bit of news about himself. He begins by congratulating the football team at the School for its good record last fall. Then he adds that he is working in the Wellesley Square Garage, lives at 169 Union St., South Natick and is working harder than ever. His big joy is Gloria Ann, who arrived last October 2. Congratulations!



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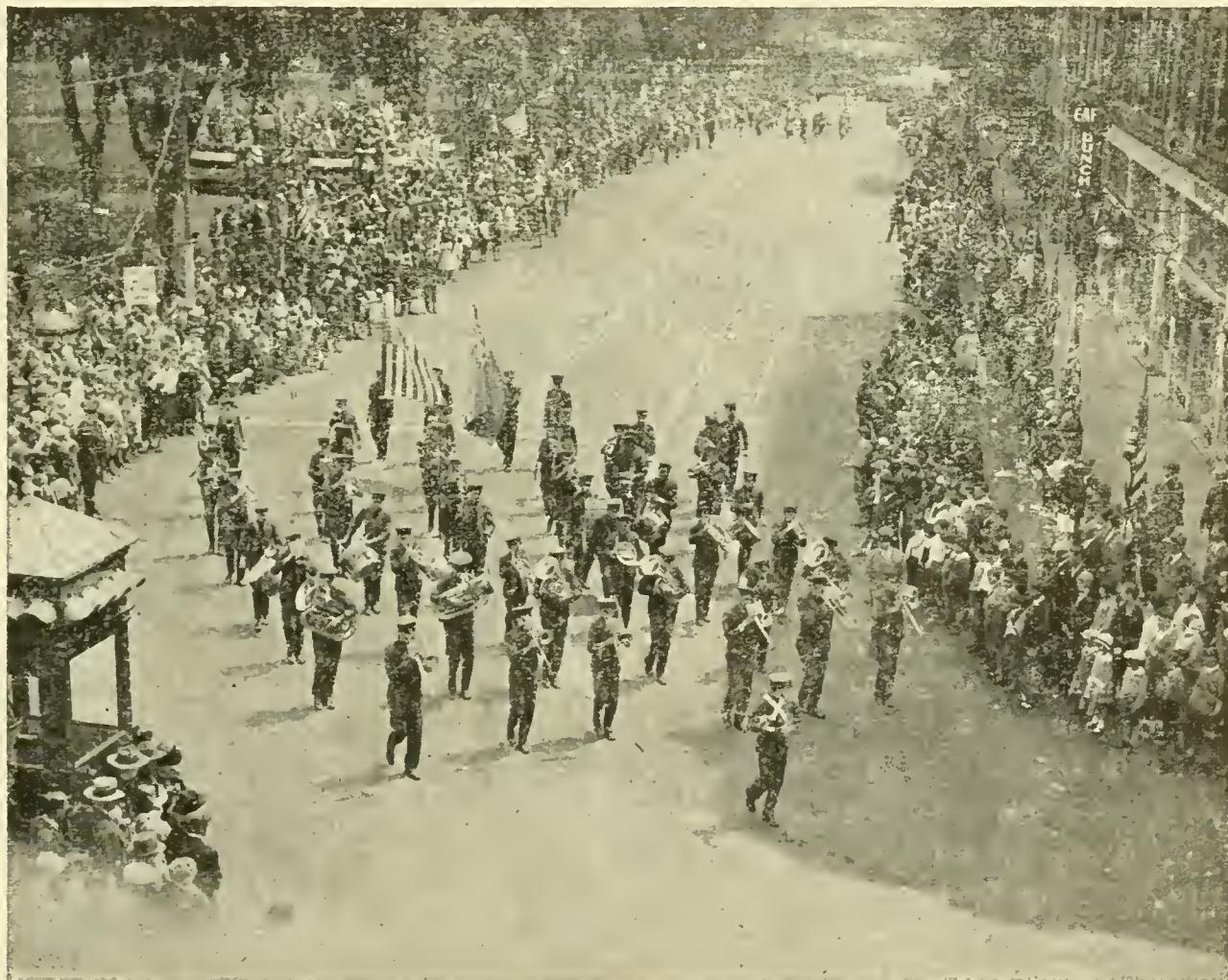
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Special Notice to Our Friends

Our Band will present its annual spring concert in historic Faneuil Hall, Boston, on Sunday afternoon, April 27, at 2:00 P. M. We are anxious to have

you attend this concert, and cordially invite you and your friends to join with us in an afternoon of entertaining music.

Admission to the hall will be by invitation only, and these invitation cards



School Music Festival Parade

For more than two decades our Band has attended the annual school music festivals. Here is a photo of our boys at Waltham, Mass. some years ago. The participation in the festivals is a long-remembered, inspiring and valuable educational experience.

may be secured by simply addressing a note to the Headmaster of the School, William M. Meacham, stating the number of invitations you desire.

At the same time, may we add that the Band will appreciate any small contributions you may wish to make towards the expenses of this concert. The boys also hope to attend the State Music Festival and the New England Music Festival, both to be held in May, and your gifts will make their hopes become realized.

We look forward to having you with us at Faneuil Hall, and your invitation cards will be mailed promptly upon receipt of your request.

The Easter Concert

The Easter Concert was given on Easter Sunday evening, April 6, in the Chapel, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. The main part of the concert was the presentation of the religious drama "Simon the Cross Bearer", by Dorothy E. Marshall. This play was very well enacted and told the Easter story in a beautiful manner.

Musical selections by the boys' choir, and a cornet solo by Harold D. Lowery, preceded the play. Our minister, Mr. Daniel Orr, led the service.

The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Hymn—The Old Rugged Cross
Congregation

Invocation

Mr. Orr

Selection—Come Ye Faithful
Choir

Cornet Solo—The Palms
Harold D. Lowery

Hymn—Easter Flowers
Choir

Selection—Sing for the World Rejoices
Choir: Soprano and Alto Voices

Easter Drama—Simon, the Cross Bearer

Hymn—Crown Him with Many Crowns
Congregation

Benediction

Mr. Orr

"SIMON THE CROSS BEARER"

A Religious Drama in One Act

By Dorothy E. Marshall

CHARACTERS

Simon, the Cyrenian -	Robert H. Hatch
Zara, wife of Simon -	Robert Davenport
Rufus, son of Simon -	William Kellaway
Polinus, a Roman Soldier -	
	William T. Warfield
The Stranger - - -	Wiley L. Bishop
SCENE:	Carpenter shop of Simon, the Cyrenian
TIME:	Fifth day after the Resurrection

May we not let our imaginations travel for a few minutes and think what may have happened to Simon, the Cyrenian, and to his household, after he helped Jesus carry His cross?

ROSTER OF CHOIR

Berton E. Cadorath, Jr.	Lawrence J. McManus
Hans M. Christensen	Richard E. McPhee
Norman F. Dewing, Jr.	Karl Mills
Robert Dickson	Wayne D. Suitor
Paul W. Horton	George H. Tangen, Jr.
Harold D. Lowery, Jr.	Malcolm C. Wiley
	Stephen J. Zevitas

Feeding the Presses

Recently the boys in the printing class have learned how to use the presses in the printing office. The first press we used was the smallest one in the shop. Then we used the largest one. Each press operates differently from the others. We learned how to put the chase in the press

and get the type ready to print. Then we fed a job in the press. We learned the names of the principal parts of a press which are platen, rollers, chase, grippers, bed and levers for impression and to throw off the power.

Karl Mills

Varsity Basketball 1947

In order games were played

Trinity Church 16, F.T.S. 38.
 Braintree H.S. Fresh 51, F.T.S. 41.
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 Braintree H.S. Fresh 2nds 23, F.T.S. 25.
 Trinity Church 26, F.T.S. 48.
 Trinity Church 36, F.T.S. Cubs 22.
 Gordon College 39, F.T.S. 37.
 Y.M.C.A. "Explorers" 20, F.T.S. 54.
 Y.M.C.A. "Scouts" 28, F.T.S. Cubs 41.
 Eliot Cong. Church 26, F.T.S. 37.

The Band

The boys in the band are excited about the coming trips. We are practicing hard, and have several nice pieces. My favorite overture is "Overture in G Minor". I also like to play marches. The Band rehearses every week with our bandmaster, Mr. Warren. Last week we learned a novelty piece which we are going to play at Faneuil Hall. We rehearse the solo pieces to be played often, and there will probably be five solos. There are nearly fifty boys in the Band.

Harold W. Hill

The Cubs

Some of the teams which the varsity basketball team play have a younger team, and these boys like to play. So this year our coach, Mr. Thomas, made up a team of F. T. S. boys called the "Cubs." We had a lot of fun in the games we played.

Robert G. Carpenter

Honor Roll — Winter Term

Two highest academic averages in each class group

Sophomore Class
 Wiley L. Bishop
 A. Wallace Fitt

Freshman Class
 Richard E. McPhee
 * Robert H. Hatch
 * S. Brooks Whiting
 * Tied Second Place

Eighth Grade Division A
 Malcolm C. Wiley
 Walter C. Roberts

Eighth Grade Division B
 Edward P. Doerr, Jr.
 James L. Angelos

Seventh Grade
 David W. Simmons, Jr.
 Jon F. Hines

Sixth Grade
 Norman F. Dewing, Jr.
 Karl Mills

Best Citizenship

Two highest in each class group

Sophomore Class
 Stephen J. Zevitas
 A. Wallace Fitt

Freshman Class
 Robert M. Davenport
 Samuel B. Whiting

Eighth Grade Division A
 Robert E. Lucien
 William J. Williamson

Eighth Grade Division B
 Lawrence F. Finn
 Ralph L. Gale

Seventh Grade
 Richard P. Allen
 Thurmond A. Hood, Jr.

Sixth Grade
 Lawrence J. McManus
 Ernest D. Cornish

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The March edition of Technical Education News has a front page article on the Hershey Industrial School located at Hershey, Pennsylvania. The article is especially interesting to us because the purpose and program are so nearly like our own.

This school was founded by the late Milton S. Hershey of candy fame. He made a fortune in candy and "built a town and gave away his entire fortune before his 70th birthday. His death came October, 1945, shortly after his 88th birthday, and at a time when the results of the great projects he planned must have brought him great satisfaction."

The School is described as "one of the country's notable experiments and represents Mr. Hershey's idea of a model institution." The article goes on to say that approximately 1,000 boys live in 45 units, each housing 20 to 25 boys, in charge of two married couples who serve as house parents. "Boys in the senior division help with farm chores both before and after regular school hours and during the summer months, a part of the training that has proven to be of value in the education of these boys." Applicants admitted must be under 14 years of age, in good physical condition and have a clear conduct record from their communities, have an I.Q. of 95 or better, and present a good school record from the school previously attended.

The Hershey School program, according to the article, includes all of the branches we have, academic, wood-work, printing, maintenance trades, dairying, meat processing, chicken hatching, vegetable, fruit and flower culture, all sports and a band. Their program reaches beyond ours in trades courses and in the length of their academic program. Our location permits us to have one group of activities

which Hershey cannot have—our boat experience and swimming program.

It is good to know about Hershey School because there are so few opportunities for youngsters to receive the well rounded, practical experience program of life and preparation for full time participation in the democracy of our great country.

Topics in Brief

Examinations for the winter term of school were given during the week of March 17. The spring vacation week began April 7. During this week many of the boys were home for the vacation period. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the names of those achieving the highest grades in their classes.

The 1947 basketball season came to a close during the month with a foul shooting

contest. A perpetual silver cup will have engraved on it the name of the highest scorer in the Sears League, and another cup will be similarly engraved for the "Nut" League. These cups are a much appreciated gift from Arthur W. Fitt, father of A. Wallace Fitt, '47.

There has been much Spring work accomplished during the month. The lawns have been given careful attention, and we have further improved our athletic field. Many of our boys assist in this work and it gives excellent training to them.

The boys in the band are rehearsing for the annual spring concert which will be given at Faneuil Hall on April 27. This is always a gala occasion and eagerly anticipated by our band of forty members.

The sixth graders gave a very entertaining play on March 10, dealing with



THE MAIN BUILDING

the problems which arise when a window is broken by a baseball. This was staged during a weekly assembly program. Each of the classes takes its turn in preparing assembly programs and thus receive valuable training in stage deportment.

We have hatched 1,907 chicks in our electric incubator, the hatches coming in four weekly intervals. The brooder house has thus become a very popular spot for a visit. Most all of us have enjoyed watching this hatching process, and the day to day growth of the chicks. The birds are Rhode Island Reds. Under expert direction our flock has made an enviable record.

Our religious services this winter are in charge of Mr. Daniel Orr, a graduate student at the Gordon College of Theology and Missions, in Boston. Mr. Orr has provided us with an interesting program of real religious instruction including the Christian Endeavor group, Sunday School, and the formal church service on Sunday evening. The boys, on a voluntary basis, assist Mr. Orr in all of these religious services.

Six members of the class of 1945 have been at the school during the month. They were: Frank N. Babick, Darwin C. Baird, Chester C. McLeod, Henry J. Porter, Robert W. Smith, and George A. Robie. All attend higher schools and are doing well.

We have enjoyed the new series of radio programs being given by our good friend Edward Rowe Snow. They are heard regularly each Sunday morning. Mr. Snow is known far and wide as an outstanding historian and his broadcasts are very much worth-while.

The School basketball team closed a very successful season by winning over a Boston Y. M. C. A. group on March 15. The school "cub" team also beat the "Y" cub team.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, March 1856 As kept by the Superintendent

11. Mrs. Morse went to the city—returned at 3 P.M. Self then went to Dorchester to carry and get boys' boots, and attend to other business for the School.

21. Received today a pair of very nice young oxen bought by Aaron D. Weld, Esq., for the sum of \$185.

26. Went to city. Brought home Emery Stevens, 12, and Sewell F. P. Stevens, 8 years of age, as pupils to the school.

A Beachwalk

One morning, after we got the dining room work done, two other boys and I decided to go on a beach walk. We got permission from Mr. Thomas. Then we went to the wharf and started towards the north end. It was a good day and we enjoyed the different sights we saw. Nothing unusual happened except that Jon Hines found some canned fish which we opened. It quickly forced us from that vicinity. When we got to the north end tip Richard Gavin spotted a flock of ducks. They flew away as we approached. We kept going until we reached the east side, and then we went to the dormitories.

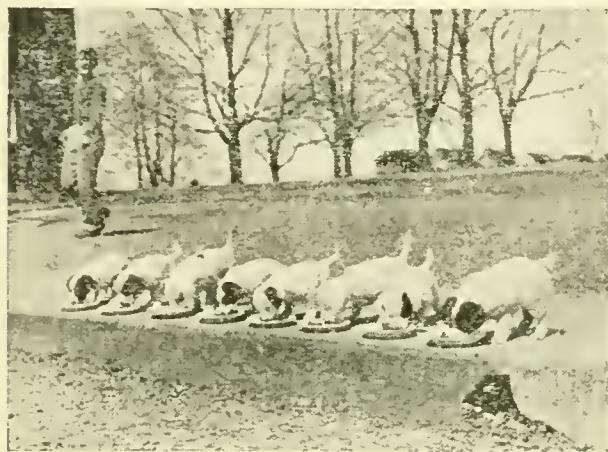
Richard G. Burton

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Judy

One of the best liked pets on the Island is Judy, a dog. She is a mixture of four or five different breeds. Her living quarters are almost anywhere, but especially the lawn in front of "C" Dormitory and the dormitory sitting room. She goes and comes as she pleases, and never has to worry about a place to sleep for that is always taken of. The biggest and most valued bones are given her and she piles them up so the other dogs can see them. But she stays on guard, and when she wants to, she eats. A mixture of colors, mostly black and white, she is an old dog and not at all thin.



Judy's Family

Her best sport is digging rats. Many a rat that would harm the crops and kill the chickens has come to a sudden end by Judy's skill. Judy always buries her catch, which is unusual.

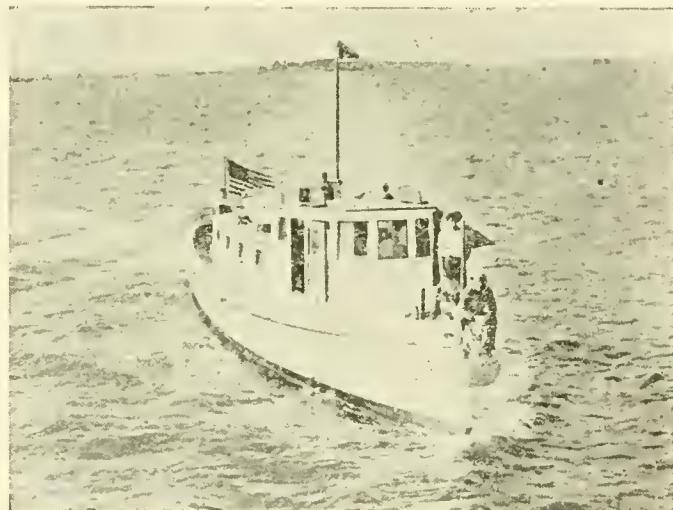
Judy has had two litters of pups, and all of them were found good homes. None are at the Island now.

Judy is 13 years old and a favorite summer pastime is for her to waddle to the beach and go for a swim. After her swim she rolls until she is covered with sand, dirt and seaweed. So she isn't very welcome when she comes to the dormitory from one of her swims.

One of the first things that a new boy

hears when he comes to the School is Judy's bark. You might say that she is the official greeter.

D. Peter Finnegan



The School Boat

The school boat, PILGRIM III, is used the year around for transportation to the mainland. The launch WINSLOW is used extensively during the summer months. A large freight barge, towed by the PILGRIM III, carries large quantities of supplies as needed.

The Jester's Comments

—Showing that chivalry still exists in this modern era, "Handsome Harry" Lowery made a perfectly executed field goal in the sophomore-freshman basketball game. Into the wrong basket of course and the opponents scored first blood. But the sophomores won out eventually with the aid of "Limping Wally" Fitt, William "Warbler" Warfield, Paul "Little Beaver" Keith, Lowell "I'll score the points" Keith and Donald Wood, of Nut League fame. The freshmen had a very good and skilled team but who ever heard of the freshmen ever winning in anything over a sophomore group? As the saying goes:

The sophomores stood on the railroad track
The train came rushing by
The railroad train got off the track
And let the sophomores by.

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EDWARD M. BICKFORD, '10, we are sorry to report, has been seeking hospital aid in overcoming a stubborn illness. Many of us at the School appreciated receiving kind messages from Mr. Bickford during the last war, when he was on duty at various Pacific outposts with the Naval C. B. We wish for him a complete, speedy recovery. His home address is 12 Thornton Street, Derry Village, N. H.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, '45 is completing his senior year at Hollis High School, Hollis, N. H. Besides doing a very creditable job scholastically, he took part in practically all of the extra curricular activities, including music, athletics and dramatics.

HAROLD E. BRENTON, '92, is enjoying retirement after an extremely busy career. He played for both the Boston Symphony and Sousa's Band and was regarded as a top ranking cornetist. He later became associated with opera and the music publishing business. He was elected Treasurer of the American Federation of Musicians, a post which he held for many years until his recent retirement. His home address is Whiting Street, R.F.D. Rockland, Mass.

ROBERT H. BOGUE, '04, has for a long period been associated with the National Bureau of Standards at Washington, D.C. A graduate of Tufts College, he is recognized as an expert on cement and has written several technical works on this subject.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN, '21 writes that he hopes to visit the school at an early

opportunity. He has for years been engaged in the marble trade. His home address is 5101-39th Ave, Long Island City, New York.

THOMAS U. FOLLANSBEE, '74, attends alumni gatherings as often as he can. He was a student at the school from July 1869 until August 1874. It is nearly eighty years since Mr. Follansbee first set foot on Thompson's Island, and throughout the years he has maintained a deep interest in his alma mater. His home address is 465 Washington Ave., Chelsea 50, Mass.

HERBERT P. STEARNS, '43 is employed in a clothing store in Arlington, Mass. There is no alumni activity at which he fails to appear, and his lively interest is appreciated. Two principal hobbies, which he began in his schooldays here, are continued. His stamp collection numbers more than 3,000 varieties, and his collection of phonograph records runs well over 700. He is a member of a bowling team representing his church. This team is in second place in the league standing. He lives at 24a Prescott Street, Arlington, Mass.

CHARLES A. BLATCHFORD, '04 has for the past 18 years been employed as Bridge and Signal Operator for the River Terminal Railroad Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, is a member of the Miles Park Presbyterian Church, and a veteran of World War I. He was married December 24, 1928. His home address is 11508 Miles Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.